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Robot sub aims for deepest ocean

By JONATHAN FILDES
BBC NEWS

A robotic submarine is undergoing final preparations to dive to the deepest-known part of the oceans, located near the Northern Mariana Islands.

If successful, Nereus will be the first autonomous vehicle to visit the 11,000m (36,089ft) Challenger Deep in the Pacific Ocean.

Only two other vehicles have ever visited the spot before, both of them human operated.

The $5 million submarine will make the attempt in late May or early June after a series of increasingly deep dives.

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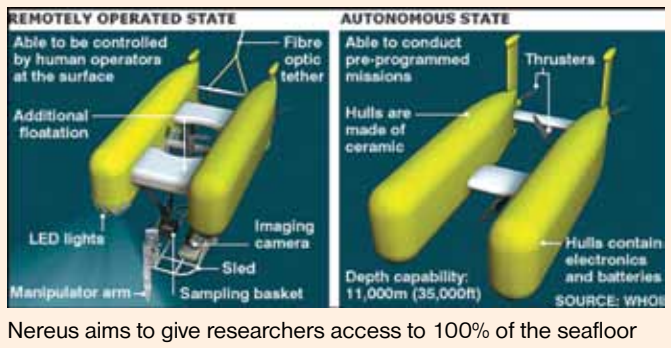

Nereus aims to give researchers access to 100% of the seafloor

READY, AIM, SHOOT!

Jess Omar of the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife prepares to shoot at "targets" during an aerial capture, eradication and tagging of animals certification training yesterday afternoon at the Marpi range. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-funded training aims to better prepare local and federal conservation officers in the removal of feral goats and pigs on Anatahan Island to protect fruit bats and megapodes. Besides Omar, other training participants were Curt Kessler of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and David Hosno of the CNMI Department of Public Safety. Inset shows Omar being helped in adjusting his helmet before training.

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Over a hundred kids on Head Start waiting list

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Over a hundred children are on the waiting list of the CNMI Head Start program for the coming school year, according to a report to the CNMI Board of Education.

Head Start program director Keiko Yamagata said their centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota have already exhausted the mandated enrollment of 461, based on approved

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NMC FACULTY CONTRACTS TO BE REVISED

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After getting the Board of Regents' nod for a four-year contract, Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez immediately went to work and vowed to address the concerns raised by faculty

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$45M in preferred stocks deal cancels CUC debt to CDA

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Commonwealth Development Authority yesterday signed an agreement converting CUC's $45 million debt to CDA into preferred stocks that CDA will own.

As of the date of CUC's issuance of the preferred stock certificate, the agreement cancels and discharges CUC's indebtedness to CDA under any and all loan agreements, promissory notes or other evidence of indebtedness now existing between the two.

CUC originally owed CDA $45 million but the amount reached over $176 million due to interests and late charges.

CDA board chair Pedro I. Itibus, CDA executive director Manuel A. Sablan and CUC executive director signed the preferred stock agreement, along with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial as witness.

"This makes us [CUC] a viable entity," Muna said during the brief signing ceremony, witnessed also by Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos and counsels for CUC and CDA.

Under the six-page agreement, CUC is required to issue CDA shares of cumulative, non-convertible and non-transferable preferred stock amounting to $45 million.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signs as a witness to the agreement between the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Commonwealth Development Authority, converting CUC's $45 million debt to CDA into preferred stocks that CDA will own. At right is CUC executive director Tony Muña.

The preferred stock shall yield guaranteed annual dividends fixed at 2 percent per annum of the total aggregate value, payable quarterly in advance.

CDA has all the rights of a preferred stockholder consistent with CNMI law.

"This is a preferred stock, not a common stock. So there is payment on dividend that's forthcoming, under this agreement, to us. And for the first three years, there's deferment of that dividend. The idea really is to assist CUC in its financial posture…"Sablan said.

Dividend payments will be paid to CDA beginning Oct. 1, 2012.

The agreement takes effect upon approval by CDA and CUC, and by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Corp.

Fitial said the signing of the preferred stock agreement is "a move in the right direction."

Sablan and Itibus said the agreement shows CDA and CUC's commitment to work together to protect ratepayers.

"Our next move is to assist CUC in looking at other financial means to enhance its power generation…," said Itibus.

Besides the fixed 2 percent in annual dividends, the agreement states the preferred stock to be issued shall contain, at a minimum, buy-back provisions, default provisions, preferred shareholder rights; and consistent with CNMI law, such other rights and remedies as are typically found in shareholder and stock purchase agreements.

Under the deal, CUC shall, within 30 days after the approval of the agreement by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, issue cumulative, non-convertible and non-transferable preferred stock naming CDA as the legal and beneficial owner. The total aggregate par value shall be $45 million.

CUC also has the option, at any time, to buy in whole or from time to time in part, such preferred stock from CDA at par value, plus unpaid dividends.

Under the agreement, CUC has the right to buy up to $16.2 million of the $45 million preferred stock issued to CDA through a dollar for dollar offset against CUC's future, internally funded capital improvement projects.

Subject to this CUC purchase exception, CDA shall not transfer by sale or assignment any of its rights, title or interest to such preferred stock.

Dividend payments are to be deferred for the first three years after issuance with such deferred dividend payments being amortized, interest free, over a 15-year period to allow ample time for CUC's fiscal recovery.

As an integral part of the deal, CUC is to provide CDA with an annual audited financial statement no later than nine months after the end of each fiscal year which reflects the amortization of such deferred dividend payments.

In the event CUC initiates privatization of all or portion of its utilities, it is required to notify CDA in writing of its intention to advertise for privatization.

$50K cash bail for poker arcade robbery suspect

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman yesterday imposed a $50,000 cash bail on a suspect in a poker arcade robbery who was caught by a security guard during a chase.

Wiseman said there is probable cause to believe that Zhe Xu Dong, 43, committed armed robbery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

The judge ordered Dong to stay away from Smile Poker in Chalan Kanoa, security guard Jack L. Ruben, the poker arcade's cashier, and the poker customer who was also allegedly robbed.

Preliminary hearing was set for May 14.

Police said it was Ruben, the security guard of Smile Poker, who tackled Dong after a brief chase, shortly after the suspect allegedly robbed the arcade early Wednesday morning.

A responding police officer arrested Dong. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the suspect is jobless.

Detective Christopher Leon Guerrero stated in his report that the suspect managed to get $60 cash from a customer and about $162 cash from Smile Poker.

Leon Guerrero said the officers later recovered the suspect's brown hat mask, his white and black long-sleeved shirt, and $125 cash.

Leon Guerrero stated in the report that Dong entered Smile Poker and grabbed from behind a woman who was the lone customer at the time.

Dong pointed a possible knife or a screwdriver at the woman's neck, demanded money, and took cash from the woman's pocket.

The customer struggled with Dong and then ran outside and activated her car alarm to get someone's attention.

Dong went to the cashier's booth and banged the knife against the door, demanding that the cashier open the booth and give him money. The cashier grabbed some bills from the counter and threw them out through a small window.

After collecting the money, Dong fled on foot. Security guard Ruben was at the parking lot at the time when he heard the commotion inside the establishment and the customer's car alarm.

Ruben saw Dong exiting the establishment and tried to stop him. The suspect tried to stab the guard with the knife.

The guard chased the suspect. The customer followed in her car and told the guard to get in.

The car then pursued Dong who was spotted near the Bless Apartment. Ruben caught the suspect. A police officer later arrived and arrested Dong.

Smile Poker in Chalan Kanoa was first robbed in April 2007. The same arcade was also robbed twice last April.

Fund says 'double dippers' risk losing their retirement benefits

NMI Retirement Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon warns retirees who are illegally double-dipping that it will result in the forfeiture of their retirement benefits for the remainder of the fiscal year.

A government retiree may not be re-employed by the CNMI government for more than 60 days in any fiscal year without losing his retirement benefits for the remainder of that fiscal year.

The only ones exempted from this limitation are classroom teachers, doctors, nurses and other medical professionals, but only for up to two years.

"Employers should notify their double-dipping employees that they risk losing their retirement benefits for the remainder of the fiscal year," Aguon said in a memorandum to all department and activity heads.

Fund board chair Juan T. Guerrero said some of the illegal double dipping cases they are currently looking at may exceed $300,000 to $400,000. He said they have been receiving a lot of leads in which certain retirees were rehired.

Double dipping refers to the receipt of retirement benefits and an employment salary at the same time. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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Sunday, May 10th

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$30.00 adult / $15.00 child
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Motorist in four-car collision sues driver

A motorist is suing the driver who allegedly triggered a four-car collision along Beach Road in Illiyan that severely damaged his van and left him injured.

Xian Guo Zhao sued Daniel Asare Mensah for negligence.

Zhao asked the Superior Court to order Mensah to pay him damages, interest, and court costs.

According to the complaint, on Sept. 28, 2007, Zhao was driving south on a Chevrolet passenger van along Beach Road when his van was hit at the rear by a 2005 Honda sedan being driven by Mensah.

As a result, Zhao's van lurched forward and hit the vehicle in front of him, which in turn hit another vehicle in front, resulting in a quadruple auto collision.

The force of the impact injured Zhao and his van was severely damaged. He suffered pain in the neck and head, and had lacerations on the forehead.

Zhao was brought to the Commonwealth Heath Center.

The Department of Public Safety concluded that Mensah was at fault.

"As a further direct and proximate result of the recklessness and gross negligence of Mr. Mensah, Mr. Zhao has suffered damages such as lost wages, all to his damage in amounts which will be determined at trial," the complaint said. ***(Ferdie dela Torre)***

Saipan forges visa-related pact with Chinese HR firm

In his continuing effort to attract more tourism activities between Saipan and China, Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela recently forged a visa-related assistance agreement with the Guangdong Renfeng Human Resources Development Co. Ltd.

Tudela

The letter of intent was signed between the two parties last April 19 in Guangzou, China during a visit by Tudela to the world's most populous nation.

The LOI said that in order to promote friendship between the Chinese and Saipan people and to develop economic cooperation, both parties agreed to provide visa-related service to Chinese citizens who would like to visit Saipan, according to the principle of mutual trust and benefit.

Details of the agreement will be further discussed by concerned offices of both parties.

From Guangzou province, Tudela visited Yunnan Province where Saipan and the City of Chuxiong have signed an agreement to establish a friendly city relationship that would also deal with tourism and other economic activities.

Signed on April 25 by Chuxiong City Mayor Yuan Peng and Tudela, the LOI promises to promote bilateral exchanges between the two locales.

The cooperation agreement will include industry, agriculture, trade, science and technology, arts, education, medicine, tourism, and "others which both sides from time to time shall determine beneficial and appropriate."

In line with this, the governments of both Saipan and Chunxiong have adopted resolutions through the principles of the Joint Communique on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

Tudela said some 30 Chinese would be visiting Saipan this summer through his personal invitations. ***(Nazario Rodriguez Jr.)***

ROBOT

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into the deep end of the swimming pool with the vehicle, we'll probably dip our toe in first," said Andy Bowen of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and one of the designers of Nereus.

"We'll work at 1,000m, 4,000m, 8,000m and then take a deep breath and see if we can get to 11,000m."

Ian Rouse, head of the deep platforms group at the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, described the project as a "great technical challenge".

"Below 6,500m deep (21,325ft) there are vehicles that can do a better job than Nereus due to its compromises in design," he told BBC News. "However from 6,500m to 11,000m Nereus has the field pretty much to itself."

Other teams, notably the British, French, Russian and Japanese will be watching the mission "with interest".

"The Nereus team [is] very experienced in designing and building other underwater vehicles, so I have no doubt they will succeed," said Mr Rouse.

The tests will take place on a research cruise between the 23 May and 6 June.

Deep records

The Challenger Deep is the deepest-known part of the ocean, located in the Marianas Trench near the island of Guam in the west Pacific.

It is the deepest abyss on Earth at 11,000m-deep, more than 2km (1.2 miles) deeper than Mount Everest is high. At that depth, pressures reach 1,100 times the pressure at the surface.

As a result, only two vehicles have ever made the trip to its crushing depths.

"From an engineering perspective, building something to operate in such an extreme environment is a huge challenge," said Mr Bowen.

In January 1960, Jacques Piccard and Don Walsh made the first and only manned voyage in a Swiss-built bathyscaphe known as the *Trieste*.

The vessel consisted of a 2m-diameter (6ft) steel sphere, containing the crew, suspended below a huge 15m-long (50ft) tank of petrol, designed to provide buoyancy.

During the nine-hour mission, the two men spent just 20 minutes on the ocean floor; enough time to measure the depth as 10,916 meters (35,813 ft).

No manned submersible has ever repeated the dive.

However, 35 years later, a Japanese remote-controlled vehicle called *Kaiko* returned, setting a depth record for unmanned exploration.

During its dive, the vehicle recorded a depth of 10,911m (35,797ft). It was also able to recover a sediment core and record pictures of life, including a sea cucumber, a worm and a shrimp.

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Ignacio Cabrera, chairman of the Friends of the Monument, identified areas of concern in which the monument declaration could be improved, including weak restrictions to protect the area.

Cabrera, in an April 17 letter, sought Delegate Kilili C. Sablan's help in initiating legislative action to amend the declaration.

On May 1, Fitial told Sablan not to support any changes to the national monument proclamation by legislation at this time.

On the same day, the governor wrote to the secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, telling him that he "strongly opposes" the Friend's recommended reversal of the three provisions of the proclamation.

"We believe that any such action is wholly inappropriate until the new administration has an opportunity to staff the responsible departments and to become familiar with its responsibilities under the proclamation creating the monument," Fitial said in his letter to Salazar.

The governor wants to meet with Salazar in Washington, D.C., where the House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Ocean and Wildlife will hold a hearing on the implementation of the federalization law on May 19. Fitial leaves for Washington, D.C. on May 17.

On Jan. 6, 2009, then-President George W. Bush declared 190,000 square miles of the Pacific Ocean as marine national monuments, including the 95,000-square mile Marianas Trench Marine National Monument.

The Marianas Trench Marine National Monument is an area around the three northernmost islands in the CNMI—Uracas or Farallon de Pajaros, Maug and Asuncion.

The Friends of the Monument was the main proponent of the marine monument proposal.

Fitial, in his letter to Salazar, said he strongly opposes the Friend's recommended reversal on three principal concerns:

1. Limiting the scope of the area to be protected around the three northernmost islands.

2. Permitting commercial fishing in those areas where it would not interfere with the protected areas of the monument.

3. Preserving the Commonwealth's right to decide whether it wanted to retain within the monument the three miles of submerged lands around its three northernmost islands that are to be granted to the CNMI by H.R. 934.

The governor told Sablan and Salazar about the importance of the concessions that the CNMI government was able to negotiate with the Council on Environmental Quality, which he said the Friends of the Monument opposed and now seeks to reverse by legislation.

Fitial said based in his consultations with other elected officials in the CNMI and interested members of the community, these concessions have widespread support within the Commonwealth.

"I hope you will agree that we should not take any action no along the lines urged by Mr. Cabrera," Fitial told Sablan.

He also told Sablan that they have the common responsibility to deal fairly and openly with the Department of the Interior.

"I certainly do not want Secretary Salazar to believe that we are conspiring behind his back to deprive his department of responsibilities under the proclamation before he even has the opportunity to staff his department and begin to develop a program to implement the proclamation," Fitial told Sablan.

HEAD START

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funding for the CNMI. Majority of those on the waiting list are on Saipan.

On top of this, Yamagata disclosed that the program is also operating with three unoccupied positions vital to Head Start's operations. The Head Start program currently has a staff of 43 and three vacancies.

According to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, the only thing that would allow the Public School System to add more students to the program is additional funding.

"Until we get enough funding…we can't do that [add more students]," she told *Saipan Tribune*, expressing hope that future funding opportunities would help address the issue.

Since two years ago, funded enrolment figures for Head Start had dropped—from 579 to 462—mainly due to funding allotment for the program.

Every year, PSS receives $1.7 million in federal funds for the program. Its local matching requirement has already decreased, from nearly $700,000 to the current $350,000.

PSS said the current enrollment numbers will be kept in SY 2009-2010.

Saipan Tribune learned that Head Start only accepts someone on the waiting list if a student withdraws. The selection of the replacement is based on who is the next most eligible to replace the student.

Saipan Tribune learned that majority of the Head Start's 43 service providers are deemed non-highly qualified but many are in the process of obtaining their degrees.

Yamagata confirmed to board members that the Head Start program is losing certified and HQT personnel to local elementary schools.

PSS still needs more HQTs to meet the mandates of the No Child Left Behind Act by 2011.

Based on the PSS annual report for 2008, a total of 46 staffers were assigned to Head Start programs.

Head Start has a total of 10 centers on the three islands. Only a handful have two classrooms—Tinian, Songsong, Sinapalo, Tanapag, Garapan, Oleai, Kagman, Dandan, Chalan Kanoa, and San Antonio. Approximately 17 kids are accommodated in every Head Start session.

PSS considers funding as one of the biggest challenges facing the program. Last week, the Education Board approved the submission of a federal grant application for Head Start amounting to $256,000 for the program's expansion.

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and employees about their present employment contracts.

From the existing two-year term, college instructors and employees may soon be provided a longer period of employment at the college—if not an "indefinite" contract as proposed many years ago.

During the board's Wednesday deliberation, newly appointed regent Juan Demapan pointed out that if the board is willing to give a longer term for the president, a similar consideration must also be given to its employees. "How about the contract of faculty and employees?" he asked.

Regent Elaine Orilla, chairperson of the board's personnel committee, responded that the board will next resolve the faculty contract issues.

Fernandez told *Saipan Tribune* that, as soon as the college reaffirms its accreditation in June, revising the employment contract of faculty, staff, and employees will be its top priority.

"We have a proposal for both faculty and staff. Those proposals are going through our processes and I believe those are at the college council at present," Fernandez said.

She conceded that the faculty's contract proposal has been on the table for quite some time, but the management decided to put off deliberating on the issue to focus on accreditation.

"Everyone decided that we have to focus first on our accreditation but as soon as there's time to reopen discussion, we will do so," she added.

The faculty senate had proposed indefinite contracts in the past but the idea was shot down many times by previous college administrations.

Majority of concerns over the existing two-year contract is the provision authorizing the NMC president to terminate employees with or without cause.

Under an indefinite contract proposal, besides the "no expiration" provision, the NMC president can only terminate employees with cause and reason.

When asked for comments about the indefinite contract proposal, the NMC president said the idea has promise.

"It's very good for the stability and security of our employees…but we need to exercise due diligence and make sure that we go through the process of evaluating it very carefully before any decision is made," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Fernandez said the proposal will be tackled by the shared governance of the college, which will make the recommendation to the president's office.

"All will go through full review and analysis," she said.

Board of Regents chair Charles V. Cepeda said the board is entrusting the matter to the president, who will make the recommendation for board action.

Police official alleges discrimination at DPS

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REPORTER

A police official has taken the Department of Public Safety to court for alleged discriminatory practices in promoting and hiring police officers.

Police Sergeant James C. Deleon Guerrero asked the Superior Court yesterday to end DPS' alleged discriminatory practices by compelling the department to comply with the Personnel Service Rules and Regulations and implementing a competitive selection process.

Deleon Guerrero is currently the officer in charge of the DPS Communication and Technology Section.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to contact DPS Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela for comment.

In his petition for judicial review, Deleon Guerrero asked the court to direct a DPS-wide desk audit of all civil service employees to evaluate and assess their duties, responsibilities, rank, classification, salary status, and promotion eligibility.

He wants a court order that would compel DPS to comply with the Civil Service Act and PSSRR rules governing civil service employees when it comes to promotions, salary or merit increases, and competitive selection of all officers similarly situated or disparately treated.

According to Deleon Guerrero, DPS unlawfully withheld or unreasonably delayed compliance with the PSSRR as well as the Commonwealth Salary Act of 1988 and the Civil Service Act.

He alleged that DPS failed to follow the competitive process for civil service employees and unlawfully or unreasonably delayed its compliance with those PSSRR regulations to date.

Deleon Guerrero alleged that the hiring of police sergeants Alfred Celes, Paul T. Ogumoro, and Vicente Tagabuel were unlawful and those actions should be set aside.

In his petition, Deleon Guerrero's lawyer, Robert T. Torres, stated that DPS promoted Police Officer II Alfred A. Celes to Police Sergeant on Dec. 23, 2007.

In doing so, Torres said, Celes leapfrogged over the position of Police Officer III and went to the highest salary level for a DPS sergeant.

Guerrero immediately filed his letter of informal grievance addressed to DPS Capt. Lawrence M. Camacho.

Prior to that, Guerrero also filed another grievance with then acting Commissioner Aniceto T. Ogumoro about recent promotions and salary increases.

Torres said the acting commissioner and Capt. Camacho ignored Guerrero's informal grievances.

After filing his grievance relating to Celes, Torres said, Guerrero was surprised to discover the hiring of former Attorney General's Office's investigator Paul T. Ogumoro as a police sergeant.

Ogumoro's salary, the lawyer said, was higher than Guerrero's despite not having any time-in-grade service within DPS for several years.

Also, Torres said, Guerrero learned that another officer, Sgt. Vicente Tagabuel, was hired as a provisional appointee without any announcement or posting of vacancy.

Tagabuel's salary, Torres said, was higher than that of Guerrero despite being out of service from DPS for several years.

Because of DPS' alleged failure to respond to Guerrero's grievances, he sought the advice of a lawyer and on Feb. 13, 2009, filed his formal grievance with DPS. DPS Police Sgt. Thomas Blas Jr. joined in Guerrero's formal grievance.

Torres said DPS again ignored Guerrero's formal grievance and the department, through its commissioner, never responded in any formal or informal way.

On April 22, 2009, Guerrero filed a notice of appeal to the Civil Service Commission. In doing so, Guerrero requested a formal evidentiary hearing.

On April 27, 2009, the commission determined that it could not consider Guerrero's appeal for lack of quorum to hear and decide the appeal in a timely manner.

The commission then ruled that by denying a hearing, Guerrero exhausted his administrative remedies and could proceed to have the unresolved grievance heard before the Superior Court.

Since DPS has ignored Guerrero's informal and formal grievance, Torres said Guerrero has not had a full opportunity to obtain evidence and testimony that would normally result in a well-developed administrative record.

"Further, the Civil Service Commission denied Guerrero's request for a hearing at which time he would be able to present testimony by calling witnesses and directing the production of documents for the commission's consideration of the record," he added.

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CUC relying on court to recover Rydlyme money

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Antonio S. Muña yesterday said they leave it up to the federal court to recover money from former Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez, his sister Joaquina Santos, and her husband, former Secretary James Santos, who were found guilty of defrauding CUC through needless purchases of a de-scaling chemical called Rydlyme.

Muña said CUC's focus is to rehabilitate its power plants.

"We still need three engines to bring online. We can't lose sight of that particular goal so we're really leaving those kinds of decisions with the court," he added.

Muña could not say how much will and can be recovered. He, however, said that CUC will use the Rydlyme stockpiled on Rota and Saipan.

He added that the "proper checks and balances are in place" at CUC to prevent corruption. Muna added that audits will uncover similar issues.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson set the sentencing for July 28, 2009, in the Villagomez and Santos couple case.

Villagomez, James Santos, and Joaquina Santos were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud and to commit offenses against the U.S., wire fraud, theft concerning a program receiving federal funds, and bribery concerning a program receiving federal funds. Joaquina Santos was also found guilty of aiding and abetting to commit theft concerning a program receiving federal funds. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

Law allocates $1.4M for tobacco programs

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Wednesday signed into law a bill appropriating over $1.4 million of tobacco control funds for fiscal year 2009.

House Bill 16-129, introduced by Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero and eight other House members, is now Public Law 16-39.

Fitial said while the measure appropriates money to worthwhile causes from the Tobacco Control Fund, it passed the House of Representatives on Oct. 31, 2008 and the Senate on April 15, 2009, six months into FY 2009.

As such, monies previously appropriated under Public Laws 14-80, 15-65 and 15-109 have already been allotted for each quarter that has passed this fiscal year.

"The monies appropriated under this act will be allotted prospectively and proportionately based on available funding as of the effective date of this act," the governor told House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios and Senate Pres. Pete P. Reyes.

Fitial said in approving the measure, he's assured that the Legislature will correct the deficiencies of the legislation by amending the effective date of the appropriations and by clarifying that P.L. 15-109, the Post-Secondary Teacher Education Program Scholarship and Medical School Professionals Scholarship, are not affected and remain intact.

The bill provides $900,000 to the Department of Public Health's six programs: the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program ($535,000); the Community Guidance Center's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services ($250,000); mammogram film reading and interpretation ($39,000); the purchase of a network-attached storage for the Cancer Registry ($1,000); the Commonwealth Cancer Coalition ($50,000); and the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program ($25,000).

The bill also appropriates $325,000 to the Public School System for the development of a comprehensive school health education program, for Project Familia, and for the Teen Talk program. In addition, $39,000 was set aside for the youth centers on Saipan. The bill also gives $75,000 each to Rota and Tinian's Tobacco and Substance Abuse prevention programs. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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NMC holds Charter Day fete today

Students, staff, and faculty of the Northern Marianas College are inviting the community to join in on the 28th Annual Charter Day festivities tonight from 4pm to 11pm. Headlining the event will be the Marianas Idol, Charter Day Dance Crew, and Battle of the Bands competitions.

NMC will also make history in today's celebration, as four individuals will be recognized for their commitment and dedication to the mission of the college: the Student of the Year, Staff of the Year, Faculty of the Year, and Supervisor of the Year.

The outstanding list is also called the NMC PROA Awards.

NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez said the college is "extremely excited" to present the honors.

"We look forward to recognizing and honoring the hard work and dedication of our students and our employees. Charter Day affords the community an opportunity to participate in this important celebration and recognition," said Fernandez.

Awardees were selected by a panel composed of student, staff, faculty, supervisor and alumni representatives. The college closed the nominations on Wednesday.

For the Student of Year award, a nominee must be a full-time student, involved in college activities, has maintained a GPA of 2.5 cumulative, and must have outstanding contributions in community service.

Eligibility for the Staff of the Year award includes a two-year consecutive full-time employment at the college, involvement in extra-curricular activities that promote NMC, good attendance and in good standing, maintains a professional demeanor, and promotes and supports institutional goals.

For the Faculty of the Year award, recipient must be employed at NMC full-time for a minimum of two consecutive years, must be involved in extra-curricular activities that promote the college, and must maintain a professional demeanor.

The Supervisor of the Year award would go to a non-teaching individual who holds a supervisory position full-time for a minimum of two years, active in extra-curriculum activities, has good attendance and is in good standing. He/she must also provide assistance to subordinates.

The Charter Day festivities will also showcase the talent and performances of several well-known groups on the island, including Uncle Ben's, local dance group Inatuas Cultural Dancers, Carolinian Warriors, and Kings & Dreamers. Tonight's event will also include a performance from local entertainer Maggie Naputi and the Go For Broke Band.

Booths with various offerings are also stationed at the campus field starting at noon. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

MAY 8, 2000

Lawyers begin probe of PCB

Texas-based lawyers began their investigation in Tanapag over the weekend in connection with the planned lawsuit against federal officials who may be held responsible for the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination in the northern coastal village in Saipan. With the absence of scientific study to prove the effect of PCB on humans, the lawyers face an uphill battle to prove that negligence of federal authorities have caused damage to public health. However, lawyers Charles S. Siegel and Andy Waters said they may have a stronger case in proving that PCB contamination in the village has caused learning disability among children.

Mandarin Air brings hope to NMI's tourism industry

It was a flight most people thought would never come in at least a couple of months after it canceled what could have been its maiden air transport service to Saipan Monday last week. This is the reason why Commonwealth officials found themselves crumbling to prepare for the arrival of Mandarin Airlines executives Friday night when they received a faxed message from the Taiwan-based carrier that its aircraft will be landing on the Saipan International Airport a few hours later. The economic promise of Mandarin Air's decision to provide direct air transport service between Saipan and Taipei, however, outweighed the cramming to prepare a welcome ceremonies for the carrier's maiden flight to the island in such a short notice.

MAY 8, 2001

Schools asked to teach Nippongo

English is fine but in order to attract more tourists from its main market of Japan, local schools should include more Niponggo classes in its curriculum. Marianas Visitors Authority Chair Dave M. Sablan lamented the fact that only a handful of local residents have the ability to speak the Japanese language. He batted for the incorporation of more Japanese language courses in the secondary level as well as at the Northern Marianas "My generation is probably the last to speak Japanese. After us, sadly we would not have any more. We need our school system and our college to begin teaching more Nippongo," Mr. Sablan said.

No afternoon delight, please

When this man says no to sex, he means no. And he stands by his decision even if it meant attacking her girl. So when the girlfriend insisted she is not taking no for an answer, he turned violent. All she wanted was a "sweet" afternoon with him. She ended up calling the police and he was arrested for assault and battery. What could have been a romantic and passionate afternoon landed on police blotter as a case of domestic abuse. Fernando Ortiz, 46, allegedly turned violent when his 44-year-old girlfriend identified only as Rivera offered that they "make out."

MAY 8, 2002

Kennedy consults NMI on new takeover bill

Far from being convinced to hold off actions on any takeover bills for the CNMI, U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy is actually about to introduce anew his Fair Minimum Wage Act bill but, this time around, he has expressed willingness to allow the Commonwealth to have an input into the measure. Washington Rep. Pete A. Tenorio disclosed this in a letter to House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider dated May 1, where he said he had just received word from Kennedy's office about the planned reintroduction of the Fair Minimum Wage Act. "In its present form, it currently includes language that will incrementally increase the CNMI minimum wage to that of the federal minimum wage. This new bill is almost identical to his previous bill except that the first increase will take place 60 days after enactment rather than immediately," Tenorio said.

Bank assets surpassed $600-M mark

Bank deposits dropped 1.65 percent by end-March 2002 to $589.9 million from the previous quarter's $599.8 million, according to a government document that compiles reports submitted by banking institutions in the Commonwealth. This, as loans increased by 3.27 percent reaching $285 million during the January-March 2002 period compared with $276 million in the October-December 2001 period, which indicated modest recovery in overall revenue-generating activities of CNMI banks. Loans and capital combined, total bank assets amounted to about $644.259 million by March 31, 2002, a report from the CNMI Banking Division disclosed.

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Planes, trains and...two vital projects to relieve air traffic congestion

A good argument for the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) and for high-speed rail can be seen in a graphic of aggregate daily air traffic over the New York area — thick knots of congestion caused, in part, by antiquated air traffic control systems and by folks jamming the skies with relatively short trips.

According to a January report by the Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility, more than 20 percent of all flights out of the major New York-area airports travel less than 350 miles, with "the vast majority" to destinations within the Northeast region. High-speed rail would give those fliers a reliable alternative. Amtrak's Acela, the nation's only high-speed rail service, runs between Washington, New York and Boston. While Acela has a top speed of 135 miles per hour on its Washington-to-New York run, the average speed on that route is 83 mph. High-speed trains in Japan average 180 mph.

President Obama seeks to change this. Last month, he released a strategic plan that identified 10 corridors for high-speed rail ranging between 100 miles and 600 miles that could be eligible for federal funding. Attention would be shown to Acela. Mr. Obama would plunk down $8 billion authorized in the stimulus package and $5 billion over the next five years. That is a drop in the bucket; a proposed line between Anaheim, Calif., and San Francisco alone carries an estimated cost of $34 billion and would take 10 years to build. But this is a worthwhile down payment on a transportation system that would benefit the environment.

Mr. Obama calls high-speed rail "long overdue." So is a modern air traffic control system. A car GPS navigation unit is more advanced than the 1950s-era equipment being used today. The Federal Aviation Administration is putting the pieces in place to make NextGen fully operational. It would allow more planes to get into and out of the air faster, relieving airport congestion and reducing delays. This is especially important for the New York area. A third of all U.S. flights go through the region, and a hiccup at any of its four major airports can affect two-thirds of the nation's air traffic.

But it is not clear how the FAA will pay for key components of NextGen. The Bush administration proposed that general aviation (think corporate jets) pay more of its fair share through increased fuel taxes and that commercial airlines pay higher airport user fees. The Obama administration, awaiting confirmation of its nominee for FAA administrator, hasn't made its preferences known. We look forward to hearing what it proposes. Without the one-two punch of a modernized air traffic control system and an interconnected high-speed rail system, Mr. Obama's vision of revolutionized transportation will go unfulfilled, and the knots in that map will choke air travel in New York and beyond.

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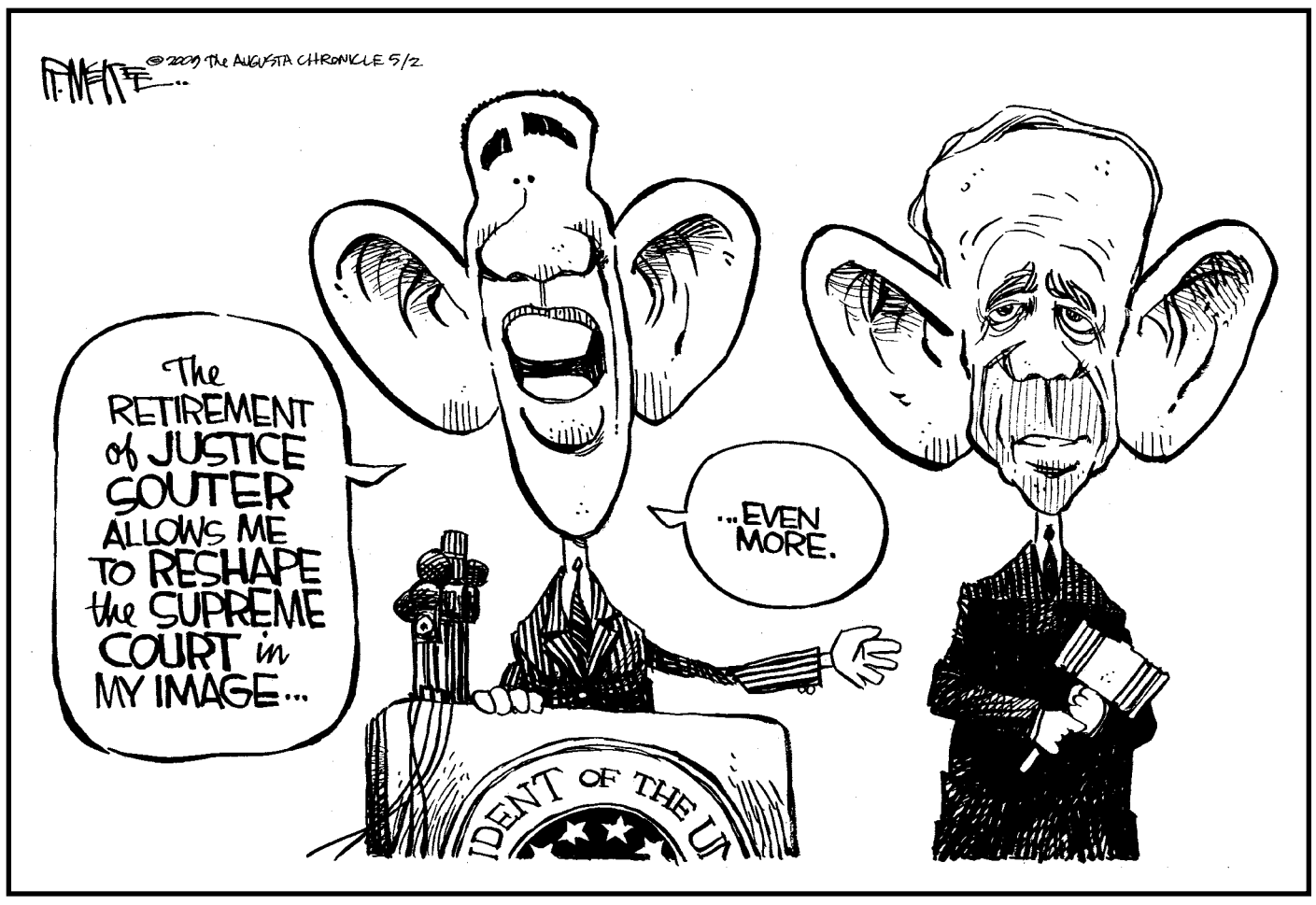
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By ED STEPHENS

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The late astronomer Carl Sagan was famous for talking about "billions and billions" of stars as he contemplated the mysteries of the universe. Lately, I've spent hundreds and hundreds of dollars on books in order to confront the mysteries of the Chinese language. Sagan's job was easier: Calculating the orbit of *Alpha Centauri* is nothing compared to finding the right bus in Shenzhen.

So I've been lost in space, drifting through a swirling galaxy of grammar books, phrase books, character (writing) books, dictionaries, and texts. What I lacked was an orbital center to things, something to pull it all into practical, usable order. Fortunately, I just found such a book: It's called *Chinese 24/7*, written by Albert Wolfe (Stone Bridge Press, 355 pages, $24.95), and it hit the market a matter of weeks ago.

This is a uniquely useful guide to speaking Mandarin Chinese, rooted in an abundance of linguistic street smarts. Wolfe isn't a hectoring grammar freak or a pompous know-it-all; he's more like a friendly guide at your side, helping you survive the real-life situations you'll encounter in China.

Wolfe, who taught himself Chinese after he moved there to teach college-level English, still remembers what it's like to learn Chinese. He's still got the dirt on his language boots, so to speak, and he has painstakingly prioritized information so that our newbie brains can travel light, learning what we need, and not learning what we don't need.

As for written Chinese (Hanzi), Wolfe thinks it's a distraction to the beginner. "Ditch Hanzi," he advises. That surely raises some eyebrows, but *Chinese 24/7* does incorporate the Hanzi characters in its text, so all the bases are safely covered.

Fully 27 pages of *Chinese 24/7* are devoted to the tones in Mandarin (there are four, by the way, plus a "neutral" tone). If that sounds like overkill, well, it's not; the seeming simplicity of tones at first glance is deceptive. So the book provides examples of how these things all come out in the wash when you're really stringing words together.

Likewise, other elements of pronunciation receive their due attention. The pronunciation tips cover things that many other books simply ignore or gloss over. Wolfe does not shy away from this, and he solved many nagging pronunciation riddles that were tormenting me.

Here's an example of Wolfe's practical approach to things, in which he addresses the weirdness of the Mandarin "r" sound in one case: "You can say 'shi' just like the English word 'sure'...it won't be 100 percent like the Chinese people are saying it (it's about 80 percent), but I've tried it and they can understand you."

The parenthetical comment is Wolfe's, not mine. Anyway, that's the kind of practical, hands-on advice I can use. I want to know what's good enough, and what isn't good enough, and these distinctions are constantly noted.

Likewise, here are some totally random tips just so you can get more of the book's flavor: "When in doubt, speak fast" (p. 96). And if you have to say a phrase that's a consecutive bunch of fourth (falling) tones, Wolfe advises, "You just kind of belt them all out like you're having a tantrum." (p. 87).

Although Wolfe's approach is friendly and plainspoken, beneath the friendliness is a very serious work. Past and future verb tenses are covered, at least to some extent, a fact I note because some beginning college texts don't even touch this stuff. The organization of topics is excellent. The detailed index spans seven pages.

Wolfe also incorporates learning strategies and conversational tactics. For example, few things are more unnerving than the utterly blank stares you encounter when you try out your Chinese; Wolfe carefully explains these situations, which just might save you from a nervous breakdown. *Chinese 24/7* also dovetails with free audio files from the Internet, so I'll post related links on my blog.

For the Westerner, Chinese isn't merely a different linguistic country, it's a different linguistic universe. You can blast off with hundreds of bucks worth of books, and hundreds of hours worth of study, only to wind up totally adrift in the void. Thankfully, *Chinese 24/7* does an admirable job of keeping your attention grounded where it's really needed: The street-level realities of speaking Chinese with the Chinese in China.

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Cyndy

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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For the last 10 years that I resided on Saipan, Cyndy Tice, RN and Nursing Instructor at the local community college, has been the mainstay in the NMC Nursing Department, and the ubiquitous presence in any health-related event on island, bar none.

Cyndy this June will be honored by the College of Wooster with an alumni recognition award, capping a long journey of service that began when she combined the rigorous discipline ("the habit of mastery" imbued by her school) of biology with the impinging demands of post-WWII sociology.

The little Presbyterian Church-related liberal arts college in Ohio deterred alumni from turning it into a large university. Known for its co-educational independent study program, where each student is paired with a faculty mentor for their senior research project, the College of Wooster sits on a 22-acre hill overlooking the Killbuck Valley and engages every student in a process of learning that places the student at its center. This democratization of excellence creates self-reliant students; because Wooster honors every student with personal attention, students develop their own vision and the confidence to pursue them.

I thought of Cyndy last week and her impending alumni award while in New York City. I was set to watch President Obama welcome teachers to the Rose Garden at the White House to recognize the former NYPD turned Connecticut pedagogue as the National Teacher of the Year. Previously a reluctant SVES ToY awardee myself (I shaved my head in protest of PSS policies regarding teachers, and threatened to attend the Education Day ceremonies in drag before being persuaded otherwise by colleagues in response to pressure on Jonas Barcinas' cross-dressing Fun Day), I was delighted that education reform has been made one of three pillars in the early thrust of the Obama Administration.

Not naturally predisposed to value award ceremonies, I did see an unintended effect of the ToY recognition from the CNMI Legislature. It made my Dad in his waning days in Honolulu happy as my brother framed the award and hung it above my Dad's care home bed. With the same name, my Dad did not bother to ask if the recognition was his or mine.

But National ToY day on Pennsylvania Ave. was also the outset of the swine flu epidemic so the Rose Garden ceremony was eclipsed by the events triggered in Mexico. Kilili Sablan did manage to publicly thank teachers, and having just recently vacated my teaching post at SVES, and my affinity to the profession remaining strong, I am partial in echoing the laurels of teachers.

It is in this context that I lift up Cyndy Tyce's journey as a teacher and as a nurse. As a rule, I do not usually write about individuals with the exception of my former SVES and PSS' highly-lauded Principal Janet Villagomez, but Cyndy also comes as a formidable exception.

Cyndy's college was at the cutting edge of the creative dialogue between science and religion represented at its founding by the proponents of evolution and creation. Wooster also effected a transformation of the Christian missionary impetus into humanitarian international service that preceded our current sense of globality and the recognition of the inherent value of cultural diversity. Cyndy graduated as an embodiment of her school's teaching and vision.

Thus, Cyindy proceeded to get her nursing degree in Chicago, actively manifesting the emergent women's cause without being obtrusive or disruptive in the process. Exhibiting a "can do" attitude before that stance became popular with Chicago's own Hillary and Barack/Michelle Obama, Cyndy took her vision straight from the windy city to her youthful President John F. Kennedy's call to service in the U.S. Peace Corps.

She PCV'd in the river basin and delta by the Bay of Bengal, training nurses to be trainers of nurses. This bundle of talents would traverse Earth's landscape, reminiscent of the journey of the youthful Macedonian in whose name the various Alexandrias were founded. The path was not without its tribulations. As a nurse in Chicago, Cyndy was exposed to TB so she tested positive at her Peace Corps training. After she completed the course, regulation barred her from joining her class to their post. Undeterred, she proceeded to train in public health nursing and administration while working as a hospital pediatric nurse in San Franscisco. A full basket of erudition, she had command of a few languages.

Her volunteer stint in Bangladesh (East Pakistan then) proved to be a determining influence on her career. Returning as a staff nurse to the Experiment in International Living in Vermont where PCVs were trained, she segued back to San Francisco's Mt. Zion Hospital, and finally taught Nursing at Arizona State University.

College vision met up with CARE International in 1973, and 17 years of Cyndy's life journey got gobbled up at crossroads of global conflicts and crises. Before the *Talibans* required veils of its women, Cyndy was in the streets of Kabul, then with Kampuchean refugees in Thailand and the elevated villages of Nepal before human trafficking became a celebrated homeland security cause. Another pit stop in Bangladesh led to Sudan before the Darfur genocide, but shortly after Idi Amin was removed from Uganda where she saw boys stood inches taller than their Kalashnikovs. Back to Kalkuta's neighbor to the east, WHO entered Cyndy's resumé, and a 4-year service with the Aga Khan Foundation in West Pakistan ensued. Soon she was elbowing her diminutive frame among the former USSR Kasakhs in Kulsary near the Caspian, and then executed another run to the south of Sudan before getting back to America's ribbon of highways.

This L.A.-born lass would not quit. Chamolinia called in 1997, and this May, NMC, the Saipan Immanuel UMC, and other NGOs will thank her and bid her their respective *adios*. As silent water runs deep in the Marianas Trench, Cyndy Tice quietly but dependably ran the gamut of girls' scouting to ecumenical relations, walkathons to diabetes detection. The College of Wooster's pride became our own, and while she will be missed, a lot of her remains behind.

Letters to the Editor

Missing '60th Anniversary' video

Editor's Note: Because of the length of this letter, it is being published as a four-part series.

Last of a four-part series

As "mainlanders" or "statesiders," Mr. Boothe and I are particularly aware that numerous U.S. veterans, relatives, and others—some of whom we've met during our respective travels since 2004—are quite interested in obtaining a copy of any assembled footage involving the Campfire Chat. This applies whether (a) what is involved would be in some already existing and assembled copy that could soon be made available or if, instead, (b) many months of waiting would be required because the footage in question might, for instance, presently be somewhere in storage and would therefore still have to be assembled and otherwise prepared for the first time, whether in VHS format or as DVD. At any rate, I'm sure many veterans and others would be pleased to finally obtain a copy, that is, purchase one, under either the 'soon-available' or the 'later-available' scenario.

To mention a few other individuals, I believe, for instance, that Vickie Vaughan, whom Mr. Boothe and I were fortunate enough to briefly visit on Saipan last year, would like to see any such material, if possible, even if it does not cover the entire Campfire Chat. In addition, the sole remaining crew members of the *Enola Gay*—Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk and Morris Jeppson, both of whom attended several 60th anniversary events but not the Campfire Chat, and with whom we are personally acquainted—would be interested. Sadly, its now too late for Paul Tibbets, the pilot, since he passed away some 18 months ago; and time, as is clear, is rapidly running out for the remaining Pacific Campaign and other World War II veterans. All things considered, if the footage in question still exists but has not yet been assembled, the sooner it is located and prepared, the better.

The Campfire Chat footage-issue may perhaps be the only large gap or "shadow" associated with the follow-up phase of what I and many others consider the excellently planned, coordinated, and implemented events of June 12-17, 2004. Those events, I believe, were unforgettable, greatly appreciated, and very important to the persons who experienced them directly. Having the mentioned footage would make them even more so. Again, we here on the mainland hope that some interested individuals, groups, or possibly even officials on your islands will find a way to clarify this somewhat complicated "Video C" issue and bring it to a positive conclusion, at least on behalf of numerous U.S. veterans and persons related to them. The inner meaning, to the people of your islands, of achieving such an end for those individuals would, of course, be separate from the inner as well as external meaning and benefit involved—still for your citizens of various ages—in more fully reaching, or perhaps finally reaching, the stated goals of the Oral History and Story Telling Project per se: In thereby better addressing, for one thing, educational, archival, and other interests of the CNMI Library, the Museum, the College, and the Council for the Humanities, insofar as availability of the documentary material in question could advance those interests.

We fully realize that individuals, groups, and/ or others on your islands may well choose to soon move ahead and address most or all aspects of the Campfire Chat video-issue with little if any further input from Mr. Boothe and I, and that, in so doing, they may well achieve an entirely satisfactory outcome on their own, however their efforts might be coordinated internally. Nothing could please us more than if matters were to proceed and concluded in that way; we would truly welcome it. Moreover, as already implied, the reality, as we see it, is that —from the present point forward—Gary Boothe and I can probably accomplish and contribute little more than we thus far have, anyways, in terms, for instance, of gathering and then sharing significant new background information and related details. This is particularly the case not only because we each live so far from you but, of course, because we lack the types of access, not to mention decision-making ability and other appropriate aspects of influence, that may now be needed in order to clarify and resolve the issue. (I might add that some of this, though far from all, is aside from the following: As one might imagine, it eventually becomes difficult and awkward to keep requesting specific details, and follow up, from any given entity, whether it is a department, an association, an agency, or other. When Mr. Boothe and I first started-out, we thought most things would be relatively simple and straightforward. Before long, however, the overall situation, including its communication challenges, began to mushroom.)

Even more fundamental is the directly related fact that, ultimately, this entire matter is truly your—CNMI's—business or issue, not ours. We, as mainlanders and—in every strict jurisdictional sense—"outsiders," know that absolutely. At any rate, and setting formalities aside, Mr. Boothe and I sincerely hope, at a simple person-to-person level, that a successful outcome will be reached with a minimum—ideally, an absence—of stress, embarrassment, and any other difficulty, wear and tear, or inconvenience on the part of any CNMI individuals, groups, and other entities that may either seek the footage in question or that may already have it.

However all this may eventually turn out, and whenever that may be, Gary Boothe and I hope many veterans and others will attend the 65th anniversary this June. We know that Valor Tours hopes to bring another group of mainlanders to the Mariana Islands during that month, as it has done for many years, and we believe that whoever does visit, whether with a group or not, will find your islands and their people as beautiful and welcoming as we have, during our respective, sometimes overlapping visits.

Ted Palmer, Ph.D.
Sacramento, Calif., USA

Count your blessings!

In reply to Froilan C Tenorio: Greetings, my friend. I support you in your defense of the CNMI. While most people are honest, unfortunately there are always a few that spoil it for everyone else.

Just look at our Democratic government. Obama trained the acorn workers and they went out and committed all kinds of voter fraud. Once elected, Obama has had more trouble getting Cabinet leaders than the last 10 presidents combined. Almost all of his appointees have legal problems: tax evasion problems, federal investigations, some are so bad they have wisely withdrawn their nominations. Worst of all is our former governor of Arizona; she was scolding the Canadians for letting the 9/11 terrorists enter the U.S. from Canada and the Canadians had to inform her that they all came into the U.S. from other countries. She said the drug cartels have not affected Arizona but 300 people have been kidnapped from Arizona and there was a shootout on Interstate 10 between two Mexican groups.

Yes, Froilan, thank God you don't live in the mainland!

Franklin Keiper
Mayer, Arizona

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°

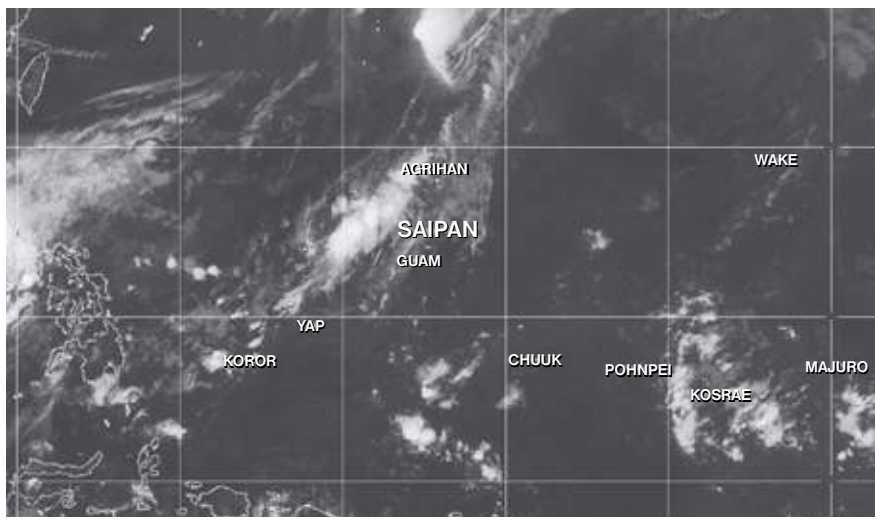
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲85	▼76
Palau	Sunny	▲88	▼78
Yap	Rain	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲88	▼79
Pohnpei	Rain	▲84	▼78
Kosrae	Partly Sunny	▲88	▼78
Majuro	Showers	▲85	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲56	▼50
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲75	▼68
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲81	▼70
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼74
London	Showers	▲63	▼41
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼60
Manila	Rain	▲85	▼76
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲64	▼53
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼74
New York	Thundershowers	▲73	▼58
Osaka	Cloudy	▲73	▼59
Paris	Cloudy	▲69	▼47
Pusan	Sunny	▲83	▼58
Rome	Sunny	▲74	▼53
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲62	▼40
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼51
Seoul	Sunny	▲75	▼49
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲76	▼61
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲79	▼62

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Kujira (01W) is centered southeast of Iwo-To at 24N142E with maximum sustained winds of 100 mph. Kujira is moving northeastward at 23 mph. Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms are found between 22N and 25N from 141E to 145E. A surface trough extends southwestward from the typhoon center to beyond 130E at 10N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring along and up to 200 miles southeast of the trough. For more detailed information, see JTWC bulletins issued under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A surface circulation is centered near 24N165E. Low-level convergence to the southeast of the center are triggering scattered showers east of Wake Island between 17N and 20N from 167E to 171E. A surface trough runs from the equator at 147E to 8N145E. Scattered light showers are found south of 5N along and up to 100 miles southwest of the trough. Scattered trade-wind showers are found east of Pohnpei between 5N and 9N from 160E to 164E and east of Kosrae between 2N and 6N from 166E to 168E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Majuro between 3N and 7N east of 172E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
12:57 AM Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
6:15 AM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
1:29 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
8:15 PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Sunday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Monday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:50 PM	4:43 AM
Saturday	6:44 PM	5:26 AM
Sunday	7:38 PM	6:12 AM
Monday	8:32 PM	7:01 AM
Tuesday	9:23 PM	7:52 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 12, 2009

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota			
CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7
Saipan-Guam			
CO9317	5:00am	5:50am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	2,3,4,5,6
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily
Saipan-Narita			
NW 099	5:00am	7:35am	Daily
NW 078	8:20am	1:30pm	2,3,4,5,6,7
NW 075	4:55pm	7:30pm	Daily
Guam-Narita			
NW 73	4:10pm	7:00pm	Daily
NW 81	3:55pm	6:55pm	Daily
Saipan-Osaka			
OZ 119	4:00am	6:40am	1,4,6
Guam-Osaka			
NW 79	4:45pm	7:35pm	Daily
Saipan-Nagoya			
NW 078	8:20am	11:05am	Daily
Guam-Nagoya			
NW 23	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
Saipan-Incheon			
OZ 604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ 604	2:40am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 119	4:00am	11:25am	1,4,6 via Osaka
OZ 606	3:20pm	7:00pm	Daily
Saipan-Busan			
OZ 608	3:20am	6:50am	1,4,5,7
Saipan-Shanghai			
FM 844	2:50am	5:40am	2,6
Rota-Guam			
CO 9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1,7
Guam-Palau			
CO 953	7:40pm	8:40pm	1,7
CO 893	5:50pm	6:50pm	3,5
Palau-Manila			
CO 893	7:35pm	9:10pm	3,5
Guam-Manila			
CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3,5 via Koror
CO 933	8:00pm	9:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:50am	1,2,4,6,7
Nagoya-Manila			
NW 71	8:40pm	11:55pm	Daily
Incheon-Hongkong			
OZ 721	9:20am	12:00pm	Daily
OZ 723	7:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
OZ 7173	8:00pm	10:50pm	5,7
Narita-Manila			
NW 1	7:00pm	10:55pm	Daily

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan			
CO 9598	3:25am	4:00am	5,6
Guam-Saipan			
CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	1,2,3,4,7
CO9598	2:30am	4:00am	5,6 via Rota
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
Narita-Saipan			
NW 076	10:15am	2:40pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:20am+1	2,3,4,5,6,7
NW 100	8:45pm	1:10am+1	Daily
Narita-Guam			
NW 74	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
NW 82	10:30am	3:10pm	Daily
Osaka-Saipan			
OZ 120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	3,5,7
Osaka-Guam			
NW 80	10:30am	3:00pm	Daily
Nagoya-Saipan			
NW 077	9:00pm	1:20am+1	Daily
Nagoya-Guam			
NW 24	10:00am	2:30pm	Daily
Incheon-Saipan			
OZ 605	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ 120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	3,5,7 via Osaka
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6
Busan-Saipan			
OZ 607	9:00pm	2:10am+1	3,4,6,7
Shanghai-Saipan			
FM 843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1,5
Guam-Rota			
CO 9598	2:30am	3:00am	5,6
Palau-Guam			
CO 954	2:30am	5:25am	1,2
CO 892	2:35am	5:30am	4,6
Manila-Palau			
CO 892	10:10pm	1:50am+1	3,5
Manila-Guam			
CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3,5 via Koror
CO 934	11:10pm	4:40am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:10pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7
Manila-Nagoya			
NW 72	6:30am	11:05am	Daily
Hongkong-Incheon			
OZ 724	12:30am	4:50am	Daily
OZ 7183	12:45am	5:05am	1,4,6
OZ 722	1:30pm	5:45pm	Daily
Manila-Narita			
NW 2	7:45am	12:40pm	Daily

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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Letters to the Editor

Give Unto Caesar…

Former Senate President Juan S. Demapan explained why municipal governments must be granted their full authority as a democratic institution. The current arrangement is a cowardly manifestation of the lack of trust in elected municipal officials. It further pre-empts the institution of its rightful authority. Either we "Give unto Caesar what's Caesar's" or abolish the municipal governments altogether.

Any democratic society is founded on the harmonious establishment of relationships among its governance. Governance is closer to their leaders at the municipal level than with the state government. It is the synergistic working relationship of council members and mayors that encourages proactive governance at the village level. Don't you think it's time to grant this level of government what it deserves?

Demapan's explanation would dissolve the Third Senatorial District of an encroachment in authority that is appropriately the purview of the municipal government. May I reiterate: Give unto Caesar what's Caesar's. My gratitude to the former Senate President for his lucid explanation of a simple issue so mired in too much government. Let's do it right, right here and now. Governance at the municipal level deserves nothing less than the preservation of an institution where our first democratic government was born in the 50s.

John S. DelRosario Jr.
As Gonno, Saipan

Open govt fuels democracy

In a recent test, survey, nearly half of our government agencies failed to comply with Open Government Act requests. This proved to the public that our government is weak. Randy Brown of HutchNews said, "An open government has power. It fuels democracy." An open government fuels democracy by allowing citizens to know what is going on. Citizens will then be able to make informed decisions that will affect their community. Active political participation by citizens will then strengthen the government. The CNMI needs a more open government. We need to be watchdogs, scrutinizing everything the government does. We need to know what a government is doing wrong so that we can fix it, and without government transparency, this is impossible.

Jessie Savellano Jr.
Dandan, Saipan

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
State Board of Education, Public School System

HEAD START PROGRAM
Saipan, Tinian, Rota

REGISTRATION OPENS BEGINNING MARCH 2009 FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010

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Head Start provides children with activities from our adopted research based curriculum to help them grow mentally, socially, emotionally, and physically. Our early childhood certified staff recognizes that as parents, you are the first and most important teachers of your children. We welcome your involvement in our program activities and will work as partners with you to help your child progress. Your child will leave Head Start prepared for kindergarten, excited about learning and ready to succeed.

Enroll your child NOW!

HEAD START PROGRAM REGISTRATION DOCUMENT REQUIREMENT
(*Only parents or legal Guardians are authorized to register their child(ren).*

- **Child's birth Certificate**
- **Parents/Guardians verification of income (2 most current check-stubs or other forms of income earnings)**
- **Head Start Program Health Forms (copies can be obtained at the Head Start Office/Centers)**
- **Social Security Card**
- **School Health Entrance Certificate**
- **Medical Insurance (if any)**
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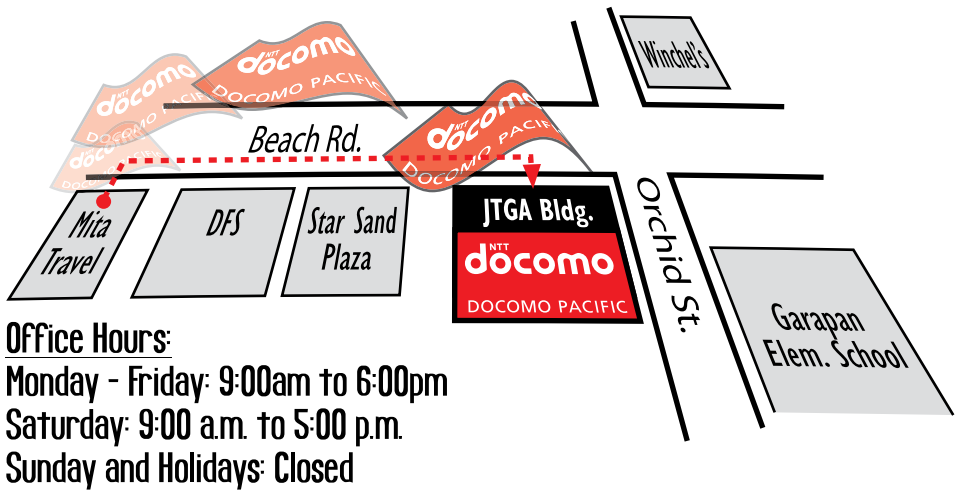

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Letter to the Editor

In defense of Howard and Deanne

With the letters still coming in regarding the compensation of Howard Willens, I would like to point out a few things to put this matter in perspective. Whether or not you agree with the lawsuit against the federal government and how it is being funded, the statements and insinuations that Howard is profiting at the expense of the people of the CNMI is both incorrect and unfair to Howard and his wife, Deanne Siemer, who have both sacrificed a great deal to provide help to the CNMI.

The governor made a decision when taking office that having Howard on his staff would be a great benefit to the CNMI. This would seem to be a good decision considering that Howard is a Yale Law School graduate, worked in Bobby Kennedy's Justice Department as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, was a counsel to the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination of President Kennedy, and a partner in one of Washington's premiere law firms for many years. He also was counsel to the CNMI Political Status Commission and the first and third ConCons.

Howard puts in long hours, and works most holidays and weekends. As the governor's special counsel, he works on legislation, testimony, matters involving federal agencies, and special projects such as the recent establishment of the Marianas Trench National Marine Monument. He also is an Assistant Attorney General and in that capacity, represents the CNMI in court cases. Howard's wife, Deanne, who often works with Howard, accompanied him to the CNMI when he undertook to help the governor. Deanne, in addition to a long career as a litigator with a top U.S. law firm, is the author of numerous books on trial advocacy and was, during the Carter presidency, the general counsel for the Department of Defense, supervising some 5,000 lawyers. She also served as special counsel to the President of the United States. Both Howard and Deanne have continued their close association with the CNMI over the last 40 years and have written three books on U.S. relations with the CNMI, Guam, and Micronesia. They are not people in need of a job from the CNMI government.

These are lawyers who have both experience with, and insight in the ways of Washington D.C., as well as long experience with and a love for the people of the CNMI. To get lawyers of this caliber to provide advice to the CNMI government would require retaining a U.S. law firm and cost millions over the last three and a half years. Instead, the CNMI got it for Howard's very modest and documented out-of-pocket travel and living expenses authorized by his contract. Although the contract authorized a maximum of $48,000 for such expenses in each year, Howard's request for reimbursement in each of these three years were less than the maximum. Howard and Deanne continue to represent clients in the U.S., and their commitment to the CNMI has limited their ability to do so. They have a beautiful big house in Washington, but have lived in a small apartment in the CNMI for more than nine months of each of the last three years. Deanne is paid no salary or a wage, receives no per diem, and is not compensated for her travel expenses. She spent literally thousands of hours over the last three years assisting the Labor Department. If there is any doubt about this, the *Saipan Tribune* should interview Jeffrey Camacho, the chief of the Labor Enforcement Section; Barry Hirshbein, the Director of Labor; or others who worked with Deanne adjudicating and closing nearly 5,000 old labor cases that had accumulated under prior administrations; implementing a new automation system for the Department; and setting up a new website so that everyone in the CNMI can see what jobs are available.

If there is any doubt that to receive the services of these super lawyers in exchange for compensating them for some of their expenses is a benefit and a bargain to the CNMI, one merely has to look back at the pages of the *Saipan Tribune* where we see that CPA paid its previous lawyer over $1 million in three and a half years, and MPLA paid its previous counsel $600,000 for two years' work.

While I applaud all who challenge the governor to justify his decisions and account for his actions, let us keep the debate on the high road and not ascribe avaricious motive that are not only factually insupportable but patently absurd to people whose only motive and goal is a better life for the people of the CNMI.

William M. Fitzgerald
Garapan, Saipan

Add'l POEA requirements for employers

According to Philippine Consul General Wilfredo DL. Maximo, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration recently issued a memorandum concerning the additional requirement to facilitate the registration of employers and employment contracts of overseas Filipino workers.

Employers/principals are now required to sign all pages of the employment contract and that of the addendum to the employment contract, if an addendum is required or presented.

Maximo urges employers and employer representatives to comply with this new requirement so as not to incur delays in the processing and verification of the employment contracts with the Philippine Overseas Labor Office here on Saipan and the eventual registration of these documents with POEA in the Philippines. ***(PR)***

Saturday, May 9, 2009

6:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	**Falun Dafa Association (Dance) Representing Chinese Community**
6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	**Mai'kai Band (Larry Lee)**
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	**Uncle Ben's Music & Dance Studio**
8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	**Saipan Poongmulpae Band (Simon Sin) Representing Korean Community**
8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	**Palauan Community**
9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	**Burning Bush**
Intermission	**Rose International Ballroom Dancing School**

2009 Taste of the Marianas Food Festival & Beer Garden (vendors):

1. Aqua Resort Club, Saipan
2. Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan
3. Hafadai Beach Hotel
4. Hyatt Regency Saipan
5. Pacific Islands Club Saipan
6. Canton Restaurant
7. Saipan World Resort
8. Sierra Pearl Shakes
9. Capricciosa & Tony Roma's
10. D'Elegance Café
11. Herman's Modern Bakery
12. Hula Girl/3's
13. Thai House Restaurant
14. Poon's Restaurant
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The highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at the American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by over 15 hotels and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. Learn more about the industry through game competitions.

My Marianas Community Outreach Presentation

Learn about the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this slideshow at Taste of the Marianas and Garapan Street Market. Tourism Month informational packages will also be available on-site.

On-the-Street Interviews

MVA turns the spotlight turns on you, as random community members share their views on various tourism topics in this regular newspaper feature with questions and short answers.

Radio Tourism Trivia

Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. "Did you Know?" and "Fun Facts about Tourism in the Northern Marianas" will be air regularly throughout the month on Power 99, 97.9 FM The KAT, and 103.9 FM KZMI.

KSPN 2 Tourism Month Calendar

May Tourism Month events are highlighted through out the month on cable television for your easy reference on KSPN2.

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Suspect in fake money case found to be incompetent

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

A psychiatrist has determined that one of the persons accused of passing fake bills to some stores on Saipan is incompetent to stand trial.

Assistant Public Defender Douglas W. Hartig stated that Dr. Ron Meister, a mental health professional, has found Lucas Manglona to be incompetent to stand trial.

In his motion for Manglona's unconditional release, Hartig said: "If the court finds…there is substantial likelihood that he will regain his competency within 90 days, the court shall order him committed to an evaluation facility or treatment facility for custody, care and treatment up to 30 days."

Dr. Meister examined Manglona as part of proceedings in the U.S. District Court for the NMI where the defendant also has a pending case related to fake money.

Manglona is charged with one count of counterfeiting in the local court. The case is set for jury trial on June 8, 2009.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman yesterday ordered the prosecution and the defense to be ready to proceed with the evidentiary hearing on May 12 at 9am.

The sole purpose of the hearing is to determine Manglona's competency to stand trial or to be proceeded against.

Wiseman said he will not order a separate psychiatric examination since Dr. Meister had already examined the suspect.

Last March, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson allowed Manglona to retain the services of Dr. Meister to examine his ability to stand trial.

Robert Torres, lawyer for Manglona in the federal court case, cited the Office of Probation's pretrial services report, indicating that Manglona has been receiving prescriptions for psychotropic drugs.

Torres said the substance of the report strongly suggests that his client suffers from paranoid schizophrenia and, at the very least, warrants a competency determination by a forensic psychiatrist.

The lawyer said he previously represented Manglona in a criminal case before the Superior Court several years ago.

At that time, he said, Manglona was examined by a forensic psychiatrist and was found to be incompetent to stand trial, much less assist his attorney.

Manglona, his brother Nestor Camacho Taitano, and Kisha Lyn Masga King were arrested for using fake money to defraud at least four establishments.

Taitano and King had already entered a guilty plea in federal court.

Churches join Tudela for a National Day of Prayer

Various churches on Saipan joined Mayor Juan B. Tudela yesterday in observing the National Day of Prayer, with the signing of a proclamation designating May 7 for the occasion.

This day marked the 58th Annual National Day of Prayer across the United States and its territories.

Those who witnessed the signing were Pastors Jose F. Enteria of Grace Christian Assembly, Noel G. Puno of the CIM-Filipino Community Church, Raffy L. Armia of Jesus is Lord Church, Danny A. Ibanez of Upper Room International Ministry, and Paul C. Medina of Saipan Christian Church.

The proclamation states that religious freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the diversity of faith practiced in American land have made it a beacon for people who seek freedom to worship according to their conscience.

In recognizing this special occasion, Tudela encouraged all residents to pray and put their hopes in the Lord.

"Just as we rely on prayer for courage, hope, and renewal in our private lives, so too do we turn to prayer in times of joy, crisis, economic uncertainty and tragedy in our public life as a nation, a city and an island, Tudela said.

It was the second time the Office of the Mayor of Saipan was asked by the Alliance of Defense Fund to bring residents of Saipan together for a day of prayer.

ADF is a non-profit legal alliance of over 1,200 attorneys with the aim of defending the right of people to freely live out their faith.

"I call upon the people of Saipan to set aside a few moments of their time today to talk to the Lord in a special way, to ask him for mercy, to help us in this difficult time of our lives today," Tudela said. ***(Nazario Rodriguez Jr.)***

PSS to name 10 new Byrd scholarship recipients

Ten local students from the Commonwealth's private and public high schools would soon be named as the new recipients of the Byrd Honors Scholarship grants that are extended to the CNMI every year.

The grants, totaling to $6,000 per awardee, is a four-year scholarship assistance providing $1,500 per year to recipients.

The federally funded Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships is for high school students graduating this year. It is highly competitive, requiring a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

To be eligible for the grant assistance, a student must be a 2009 graduate from the CNMI.

Every year, over 30 students compete for the scholarship grant, said PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh. Last year 15 scholars were selected.

Recipients of the fund are expected to be honored by the Byrd Scholarship Program during the students' graduation ceremony.

Interested students, Thornburgh said, must have applied or been accepted for enrollment at a college or university and must submit an essay justifying their desire to pursue a college education.

Deadline for submission is at the end of this month. A review committee of educators from both public and private institutions will assess all applications and will make the determination.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Education, the scholarship program is designed to recognize exceptionally able high school seniors who show promise of continued excellence in postsecondary education. The USDOE awards funds to state education agencies which make scholarship awards to eligible applicants. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

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Public school teachers talk about their love of teaching

The CNMI Public School System educators are overjoyed and grateful for the thank you notes and special treats from the students and school personnel. They are continually celebrated and appreciated for the many roles they play as a teacher, counselor, parent, mentor, friend, nurse, leader, coach, and advisor. PSS teachers, teacher aides, and instructors come to school everyday with their focus on the "Students First" initiative by empowering, building character education, and molding young minds of students to ensure that they perform at their maximum capacity. The following are teachers' responses on what inspires them to be in the teaching profession:

What I love about teaching is being able to make a significant and positive difference in the lives and overall development of my students. I love their enthusiasm to learn and their desire to succeed. I love to support my students in realizing characteristics that help make them become responsible, respectful, and successful individuals. Teaching is not just about reading a new story or modeling how to use the multiplication table, it is more about giving my ALL to ensure that my students thrive and understand how to realistically live in this diverse world of ours!

—Derwin Johnson, 3rd Grade teacher, GES

I like being a teacher because I want to mold, shape, and inspire our young people and bring the best out of each unique individual. I enjoy the special moment with every young person the minute the light glows in their eyes and they are all excited about the new discover at any given day. Teaching helps me assess myself at times and remind me that "life not spent in service of others is life not worth living."

—Felisa Brel (Mama Brel), LMA teacher, HJHS

I like being a teacher because I can make a difference in the lives of students, not as a babysitter but as professional who is dedicated to teaching skills and concepts that students would probably not acquire on their own. Another reason is that I can teach the students and I can find ways to motivate even those without the interest or maturity to understand the benefit of learning.

—Yeldez Javier, computer teacher, HJHS

Being a returning veteran of the war in Iraq, the last place I pictured myself was in a classroom teaching. However, after joining the Troops-To-Teachers Program I quickly realized just how important the role of a teacher is in the lives of our local youth. Having recently just completed my student teaching at Hopwood Jr. High School, I realize now more than ever just how much we mean to our students. I grew so attached to my 8th grade class that it truly was hard to leave. Seeing the tears in their eyes on my last day and reading the touching letters they wrote me helped to reinforce the fact teaching has so little to do with monetary compensation and so much more to do with preparing our students to be responsible adults who will lead our island to a positive future. It is a hard job, but with hard work and dedication we truly can make a positive difference in the lives of our students.

—Fred Camacho, Troops-To-Teachers Program

Education is full of equal amounts of happiness and sorrow. This is because the joy in teaching comes from the few small and quiet moments while the struggles can consume endless hours. Nonetheless, a teacher knows that a single success can ease the sting of twenty failures and a single, heartfelt smile of gratitude can make the whole day brighter. The relationships some teachers build with students come close to that of parent and child and can be filled with just as much laughter, love, and concern. Teachers desire to build a legacy and to leave their mark on the next generation. Although the goodbyes we say at the end of the year bring some sadness, we are content to have made a difference in some way. It is these fleeting, yet rewarding moments that keep a teacher coming back day after day.

—Natalie Hill, Social Studies teacher, HJHS

I am inspired to be a teacher because I enjoy teaching young people that want to learn in a dynamic environment. Being literate is not only a required skill in life, but it is also fun learning about the World through literature and writings from the great minds of history....I like teaching concepts/content and watching these kids grow into adults that have acquired CONFIDENCE and specific knowledge that will help them through college and everyday life.

—Courtney L. Zietzke, MHS

Seeing and being part of my students' intellectual, social, and character growth is the greatest inspiration for me to be a teacher. Knowing that my students are developing a passion for math, realizing the importance of math, and applying the concepts of math in the real world makes me feel like I have accomplished my goal of being a math teacher and encourages me to stay in this profession for years to come.

—Lyvonn Taisacan, 9th grade, pre-Algebra, MHS

My decision to become a teacher was greatly influenced by the need for more teachers at the school where I was working as a secretary. Students' learning were disrupted due to lack of teachers. Each day without a teacher in the classroom students were being denied the education they deserve. I believed I could make an impact by being part of the solution. I knew it would not be an easy task, but with determination and hard work I knew I was able to accomplish my goals for the sake of our students. It also made me more compassionate to other people's needs, especially our children, rather than attending to my own personal needs. I felt that teaching will allow me to share the knowledge and the experiences. I have gained over the years to my students who I hope will continue to carry on in their lives for the betterment of our society as a whole.

—Barbara Macduff, SVES

No love is greater in this world that in the love for a child. It is this love that fuels my passion to teach. I believe teaching is a special calling of individuals who have the heart to care and to make a difference in children's lives. Shaping the future of our loved ones - brothers and sisters, recognizing the inner being of each, and furthering the potential of all, is what I am about. Teaching is my unwavering faith in God. Every person, thus, every child is a special gift who is to be celebrated and shared. My gift is an innate conviction to reach out to share to others and help as needed. I am very grateful to be given that opportunity in the teaching profession.

—Carmen R. Agulto, 3rd Grade teacher, SVES

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Water outage in San Vicente area

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. announced has scheduled a water outage in a portion of San Vicente on Saturday, May 9, 2009, from 7:30am until Sunday, May 10, at 6: 30pm.

The outage will affect customers residing behind San Vicente Church area. Water service will be restored to affected customers as soon as the work is complete.

The CUC Water Division Distribution Maintenance crew is scheduled to work on the San Vicente Reservoir to seal all holes and openings, and to inspect, clean and disinfect the storage tank. This required work is necessary to protect treated stored water and provide improved overall water quality for public consumption.

This work enables the Water Division to comply with the stipulated order concerning drinking water operations and maintenance in correcting major sanitary deficiencies cited during storage tanks inspections.

Residents are encouraged to practice strict water conservation and to teach children and household workers to save water, especially during this period. Rainwater catchments systems and water tanks should be cleaned and float valves installed or replaced to ensure that water does not overflow from any tanks.

For more information, contact Bruce Megarr, deputy director for Water & Wastewater Operations, at 235-7025 through 235-7032 Ext. 172. ***(CUC)***

'Moonlight Fun Run' on Tinian tomorrow

The first Tinian Moonlight Fun Run will be held Saturday evening at 7pm, May 9, 2009.

The 6-mile run/walk will take place in the moonlight. The start point is at the Taga Beach parking lot. Race day registration will open up to 6:30pm. The run/walk will start at 7pm. Registration fee is $5, which will be used toward other upcoming sports events.

Each participant will receive glow sticks and/or necklaces. The first 10 finishers will receive T-shirts. Aid stations with refreshments are available. Volunteers include the Department of Public Safety, Tinian Health Center, Marianas Visitors Authority, and Tinian High School's JROTC.

The event is part of a series of weekend sports events organized by members of the community. This year's sponsors include the Tinian Mayor's Office, Sen. Jude Hofschneider, DFS Galleria, Pacific Trading, and King Law Office.

Contact the event organizer, Janet King, at JanetHanKing@gmail.com or call 433-0419 for more information. ***(PR)***

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Woman dies in diving incident

GUAM—The U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam Command Center received a report of dive accident outside of Apra Harbor on Wednesday 9:55am. A 25-foot small boat from Coast Guard Station Apra Harbor was already underway and immediately diverted to respond to the incident. Upon arriving on scene, the Coast Guard small boat rescued an unconscious woman who reportedly had been diving when she experienced difficulties and had to be assisted to the surface by another diver. The Coast Guard small boat quickly transported the woman to Sumay Cove for ambulance transportation to the hospital. Unfortunately, she was later pronounced deceased by Guam Naval Hospital.

The Coast Guard wants to remind the public to always swim and dive with a "buddy" and that it is important to quickly notify the Coast Guard or 911 when there is any maritime emergency. The Coast Guard 24-hour emergency number is 564-USCG. ***(USCG)***

USS *John Paul Jones* visits Guam,

SANTA RITA, Guam—The USS *John Paul Jones* arrived in Guam yesterday, May 7, for a routine port call.

Sailors volunteered their time to assist two local, non-profit organizations. Sailors were at Guam Animals In Need shelter in Yigo yesterday to walk canines, clean kennels, and conduct general grounds maintenance. Sailors were also at Island Girl Power in Dededo in the morning to organize the facility and help prepare for an upcoming rummage sale.

John Paul Jones, with a crew of approximately 325 sailors, is the third Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer and the first ship of the class homeported on the west coast. The mission of *John Paul Jones* is to conduct prompt and sustained operations at sea in support of the nation's maritime strategy. The ship is capable of operating independently as an element of a coordinated force or as the nucleus of a surface action group, and to direct and coordinate anti-air, surface, undersea, and strike warfare operations. ***(PR)***

AGO prosecutes 2 for separate assault

The Office of the Attorney General has filed separate criminal cases against two persons for allegedly assaulting two persons.

Christopher Ian C. Cruz, 29, of Tinian, was charged with assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Chief Prosecutor Kevin Lynch stated in the information that on April 30, 2009, Cruz assaulted his wife. Cruz was summoned to appear and answer the charges at the Tinian Superior Court on May 8.

Consolacion N. Cepeda, 40, of Saipan, was charged with assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Lynch alleged that on April 23, 2008 Cepeda assaulted Donald L. Norita. Cepeda was summoned to appear and answer the charges at the Saipan Superior Court on June 1. ***(Ferdie Dela Torre)***

Rota's Kokomo Beach red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Kokomo Beach on Rota due to excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria. DEQ is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from the site were found to contain enterococci concentrations that exceed the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain these bacteria from the natural environment, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ analyzed water samples collected from 12 locations on Rota island. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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2 schools, govt agency win islandwide cleanup tilt

Two elementary schools and a government agency that provides early intervention services for infants and toddlers are $100 richer today after Beautify CNMI! handed out prizes to groups participating in last month's islandwide cleanup.

Garapan Elementary School received $100 for the photo they submitted of their entire student body right before cleaning up their campus and the surrounding neighborhood. They won the contest for the photo with the most volunteers.

"I told some of the staff that we won and they were really proud," said Dale Roberts, vice principal of Garapan Elementary.

In the contest to take a photo of the biggest pile of collected garbage, San Vicente was declared the victors. ACT President Betty Miller was on hand to accept the $100 on behalf of the students.

"We had a lot of support from the parents on our cleanup day and they deserve a lot of the credit," said Miller about winning the contest category.

Each of this year's 61 participating groups also had their names put into a random drawing to win $100. William S. Reyes 5th grader Shizuka Takayama pulled the name of the Children's Developmental Assistance Center during a press event at the Marianas Visitors Authority office on Wednesday.

"Everyone who participated in this year's islandwidecleanup deserves a hearty thank you," said Angelo Villagomez of Beautify CNMI. "The Kramis family also deserves a big thank for their generous donation making these prizes possible."

The 2009 islandwide cleanup had the participation of 4,140 volunteers from 61 groups and over 13.5 tons of litter was removed from the streets and beaches of Saipan. The Rotary Club of Saipan, Division of Environmental Quality, Marianas Visitors Authority, and Marianas Tourism Education Council coordinated the event. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dale Roberts of Garapan Elementary School and Betty Miller of the San Vicente Elementary School accept the $100 their respective schools won for participating in last month's islandwide cleanup.

ON THE NET

http://beautifycnmi.blogspot.com

SANTA SOLEDAD RAFFLE WINNERS

2009 Santa Soledad Mission Parish issued this week the winners log sheet of its Fiesta Raffle Fundraiser, held April 26, 2009. The winners are the following:

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Kagman Mobil	11873	Power 99	06268
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Tun Goru's	14328	Power 99	11108
Kagman Mobil	4696	Jesus & Dorothea Muna	9345
Lou Sablan	12620		

Prizes will be forfeited if not claimed by May 26, 2009. Prizes can be only be claimed at the office after Masses. ***(PR)***

Museum to host weekly Art in the Park event

The NMI Museum will kick off its weekly "Art at the Museum" activity tomorrow, May 9, at the grounds of the NMI Museum across from the Sugar King Park in Garapan.

The event will take place from 9am to 2pm every Saturday. The activity is open to all CNMI artists and craftsmakers. All artwork produced in the CNMI is acceptable for display or sale, as well as, any products featuring the designwork of artists working in the CNMI.

Artists will be required to bring what they need to display their work. This may be as simple as tables and chairs, or may include a tent or other display items. Registration is $5 if made one week in advance, or $8 afterwards. Artists may register on the morning of the event.

For more information, contact Robert Hunter or Evelyn Diaz at telephone 664-2160. ***(PR)***

Rotary Club's Parade of Books on Saturday

Thousands of dollars are up for grabs as local elementary schools prepare to compete in the Fourth Rotary Club of Saipan's Parade of Books.

The event is scheduled for May 9, 2009, at the Marianas High School gymnasium at 2pm and is open to all public and private schools.

Through the Parade of Books, school children have the opportunity to come together, get dressed in costume, and play the magical characters they read about. The Rotary encourages all students to continue to read, imagine and learn all about the great wide world we live in.

The Parade of Books is a Rotary children's event aimed at promoting literacy in schools and in the home.

Rotary Club president Ben Babauta said, "Together with our SkyTeam partner Northwest Airlines/Delta we look forward to another exciting event." ***(PR)***

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Business

Bank stress tests show some banks need more funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some of the nation's largest banks will be scrambling to demonstrate that they can raise capital after results of government stress tests leaked out, showing many need more funds. The Treasury Department will officially release results later Thursday.

The tests were designed to gauge whether any of the nation's 19 largest banks would need more capital to survive a deeper recession. It turns out many of the banks do: Wells Fargo & Co., Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. all need billions more, regulators have told them.

The public nature of the assessments and Thursday's planned announcement raised questions among some critics about whether the findings will reflect the banks' actual conditions.

The tests put banks through two scenarios: one that reflected expectations about the current recession and another that envisioned a recession deeper than what analysts predict.

Citigroup will need to raise about $5 billion, according to a government official briefed on the results who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter. Earlier news reports had put that dollar figure closer to $10 billion.

Regions Financial Corp. will also need to raise more money, according to people briefed on the results, as will Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

SEC enforcement operation under scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lawmakers are examining the enforcement operation of the Securities and Exchange Commission and whether it is up to the task of policing the marketplace at a time of shattered investor confidence and financial upheaval.

The workings of the SEC's enforcement division have come under intense congressional scrutiny after revelations in December that the agency failed to detect the massive Ponzi scheme run by money manager Bernard Madoff, despite red flags raised to its staff by outsiders over the course of a decade.

The Senate Banking subcommittee that oversees the SEC will hold a hearing Thursday afternoon on the agency's enforcement division.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Nintendo's annual profit rises 8.5 percent

TOKYO (AP)—Nintendo Co. reported an 8.5 percent rise in annual profit as the video game maker shrugged off the global slowdown that has battered other Japanese manufacturers. Nintendo, which did not break down quarterly numbers, said Thursday it racked up a record 279.1 billion yen ($2.8 billion) profit for the fiscal year ended March 31, up from 257.3 billion yen the previous year. Fiscal year sales edged up 9.9 percent to 1.839 trillion yen from 1.672 trillion yen, with overseas sales accounting for 87.5 percent, according to the Kyoto-based maker of Pokemon and Super Mario games.

Chrysler lenders group releases list of members

NEW YORK (AP)—The names of a handful of Chrysler debt holders who oppose the automaker's bankruptcy were disclosed Wednesday, but a number of others dropped their opposition, a week after President Barack Obama publicly chastised the group for not supporting his plan to help remake the company. The names of the investment firms representing nine funds, disclosed in a court filing by the group's lawyers, comes amid reports of death threats against the dissident creditors. They say they are being steamrolled in bankruptcy court because of their refusal to go along with a government-brokered deal that would have reduced the Chrysler's secured debt. The lenders, which include previously disclosed members Stairway Capital Management and OppenheimerFunds Inc., represent just $295 million, or about 4 percent, of Chrysler LLC's total secured debt of $6.9 billion. Earlier, lawyers for the group estimated its size at 20 members with about $1 billion in debt.

Korean Air says quarterly loss widens on weak won

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Korean Air Lines Co. said Thursday its first quarter net loss widened as weakness in the South Korean won drove up costs denominated in dollars. Korean Air lost 526.3 billion won ($413 million) in the three months ended March 31, the company said in a statement. Korean Air posted a net loss of 325.5 billion won a year earlier. The result marked the sixth straight quarterly loss for South Korea's largest airline. Among passenger airlines, Korean Air is also the world's biggest carrier of international commercial cargo. Korean Air spokeswoman Lee Ji-hye said that weakness in the South Korean won hit the company's bottom line by increasing costs it has in dollars, such as servicing its foreign debt and paying for fuel.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Adoption of **Marikishalin Learughpiang Aguon Iguel**	:	FCD-AD Civil Action No. 09-0238
by:	:	
Patricia R. Aguon-Cruz	:	

NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ADOPTION OF Marikishalin Learughpiang Aguon Iguel (Born January 9, 2000)

Please take notice that the hearing regarding the proposed adoption of **Marikishalin Learughpiang Aguon Iguel** by Patricia R. Aguon-Cruz will be held at the Commonwealth Superior Court, Courtroom 205, on May 19, 2009, at 9:00 p.m.

Marikishalin Learughpiang Aguon Iguel was born on January 9, 2000 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The petition for the adoption of **Marikishalin Learughpiang Aguon Iguel** is sealed. However, a copy of the petition will be provided to any person that requests a copy before the date of the hearing and is able to demonstrate that they are or may be an interested person to **Marikishalin Learughpiang Aguon Iguel**'s adoption, as determined by CNMI law. If you believe that you are an interested person, a copy of the petition may be obtained by contacting Sean E. Frink at the Carlsmith Ball LLP, P.O. Box 5241, Saipan, NM 96950; Telephone (670) 322-3455; Fax (670) 322-3368; E-mail: sfrink@carlsmith.com.

Failure of interested persons to appear at the hearing and provide their objections will result in them forever waiving any rights that they may have to contest this adoption.

DATED: May 1st, 2009.

/s/ SEAN E. FRINK
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, fka MARIANAS BANK LTD.,	:	CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-1054
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JUAN R. SABLAN and ANGELINE F. SABLAN,	:	
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Nation

Bush attorneys who wrote terror memo face backlash

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Pressure is mounting against two former Bush administration attorneys who wrote the legal memos used to support harsh interrogation techniques that critics say constituted torture. John Yoo, a constitutional law professor at the University of California, Berkeley, is fighting calls for disbarment and dismissal, while Judge Jay Bybee of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals faces calls for impeachment.

Justice Department investigators have stopped short of recommending criminal charges, but suggest in a draft report that the two men should face professional sanctions. A number of groups across the country agree, and some want even stronger action.

"We believe there is a lot of evidence to suggest that war crimes were committed," said Laura Bonham, deputy director of the Progressive Democrats of America, a group dedicated to rebuilding the Democratic Party. "We believe the memos provided the Central Intelligence Agency with the cover they needed to begin torturing detaines for information."

Bybee and Yoo worked in the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel following the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and played key roles in crafting the legal justification for the interrogation techniques.

The draft report from an internal Justice Department inquiry sharply criticizes Yoo and Bybee and recommends referring their cases to state bar associations for possible disciplinary actions, a person familiar with the inquiry said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the inquiry.

Action was not recommended against a third lawyer, Steven Bradbury, who was head of the office at the time the memos were created, a person familiar with the inquiry said. The person, who also was not authorized to publicly discuss the investigation, said investigators found that Bradbury played a lesser role in the creation of the memos. Bradbury is now in private practice.

The recommendations come after an Obama administration decision last month not to prosecute CIA interrogators who followed advice outlined in the memos.

The long-awaited report is still in draft form and subject to revisions. Attorney General Eric Holder also may make his own determination about what steps to take once the report has been finalized.

Yoo's attorney, Miguel Estrada, would not comment, citing an agreement with the Justice Department not to discuss the case. Bybee's attorney, Maureen Mahoney, did not return a message seeking comment Wednesday.

But at a forum last month on the campus of Chapman University School of Law where Yoo is visiting professor, he defended his role in establishing the legal rationale for using waterboarding and other severe interrogation techniques.

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The public is hereby notified of the presence of two abandoned vessels, SAN PEDRO and MEANA III, at the Smiling Cove Marina, managed by the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife ("DFW"). The last known owners of record for the vessels are Quirino Adlaon and Masashi Uchida, respectively. Over $9,317.00 is owed in wharfage fees to the Smiling Cove Marina for the vessel SAN PEDRO and over $3,411.10 is owed for MEANA III.

The owner of either of these vessels must contact Roque Santos, Manager of the Smiling Cove Marina, to assert his ownership interest within thirty (30) days of DFW will remove/destroy/dispose of these vessels pursuant to law.

Members of the public may contact Mr. Santos if they have an interest taking one or both of these vessels in an "as is" condition after the 30-day notification period has run, if no legal owner has been identified.

Lawmen explore lead on abducted Calif. boy

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP)—Authorities said Wednesday they were pursuing an unspecified lead in the abduction of a 3-year-old boy from his home but wouldn't say whether any arrests were imminent three days after the boy's mother reported that he was snatched by two armed men.

Sheriff's investigators said they have received numerous tips since Maria Rosalina Millan called police on Sunday to say the men had burst into the family's home, tied up Millan and five of her children and stole money and other property.

About 20 minutes later, the men left with Briant Rodriguez, the youngest child, after ordering Millan and the other children not to call police, officials said.

Investigators "have developed some information that they are following up on and will determine if it is significant to the case," sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Beavers said in a statement. Beavers and other officials would not elaborate.

ACROSS THE NATION

Wildfire burns homes in coastal Calif. enclave

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—Fierce winds blew a wildfire into Southern California homes Wednesday, forcing thousands of people to flee as columns of smoke rose from a scenic coastal enclave. TV news helicopters showed many homes ablaze in Santa Barbara, but the number could not immediately be determined because of thick smoke columns that scattered embers over the city and streamed out over the Pacific Ocean. Huge mansions and humble homes alike were reduced to rubble, leaving palm trees swaying over gutted ruins.

Gay marriage leaps ahead in Maine, New Hampshire

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP)—New England states signaled an increasing willingness to sanction gay marriage on Wednesday as Maine legalized the practice and the New Hampshire Legislature voted to do the same. If New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch signs the bill or lets it become law without his signature, his state would become the sixth overall to allow gay marriage and the fifth in New England. Rhode Island would be the only state in the region without such a law. Maine Gov. John Baldacci, a Democrat who hadn't indicated how he would handle his state's bill, signed it shortly after the legislation passed the Senate on a vote of 21-13—a margin not large enough to override a veto.

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

May 7, 2009

DPW 09-IFB-011
CONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 31 CROSS ISLAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 1, SAIPAN

1. **General:** The following revisions, additions, corrections, and/or clarifications to the specifications and drawings shall apply to the work affected thereby. Careful note of this Addendum shall be taken by the bidder/contractor, and all trades affected shall be fully advised toeh information contained herein. In the event of a conflict between drawings, specifications and this Addendum, the contents of this Addendum must be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer for the resolution. **Failure to acknowledge this bid Addendum is accordance with instructions may subject your bid to rejection on the affected item(s)/service(s).**

2. **Pre-Bid, Submission of Sealed Bids, and Bid Opening Dates;** are suspended indefinitely until further notice.

All other requirements of the Invitation for Bids of the project package shall remain as stated.

/s/ DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW09-IFB-017

Paving of Students and Staff Parking Lot for Kagman High School and Koblerville Elementary School - A and B

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Acting Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Paving of Students and Staff Parking Lot for Kagman High School and Koblerville Elementary School, A and B**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after MAY 1, 2009 at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (**US$150.00**), is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope Of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Preference is available to US Citizen as per **Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, and be submitted with the BID preference is claimed.**

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on May 20, 2009, 9:30 a.m. local time at the DPW Conference Room, Gualo Rai, Joeten Commercial Bldg. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on May 20, 2009 to Mr. **Joseph M. Inos**, Director of Technical Services Division, DPW Gualo Rai Office, Saipan or fax to (670) 322-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW09-IFB-017**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time May 22, 2009. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time May 22, 2009, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 22, 2009, and must be received no later than June 02, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies maybe cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, June 5, 2009. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on May 26, 2009.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier' Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

This project is funded through Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax fund collection pursuant to Public Law 16-22.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One hundred dollars (US$100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ DIEGO B. SONGSONG
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
P.O. BOX 501370, SAIPAN, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BID
IFB 09-012

The Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the **Purchase and Installation of a Pad Mounted Transformer at Tinian High School**. The Scope of Work is available beginning April 29, 2009 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

All bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 09-012" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, no later than 10:00 AM, May 27, 2009. Any bid submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

There will be pre-bid meeting at 10:00 AM, May 20, 2009 in the PSS CIP Office in the 2nd Floor of the Retirement Fund Building. Technical Questions may be submitted at any time before this meeting and through May 22, 2009. Technical questions may be submitted to David Loan CIP Coordinator by fax to 664.3715 or by e-mail to "dfaloan@yahoo.com". Procedural questions may be submitted to Robert Florian, Procurement and Supply Officer by fax to 664.3791 or e-mail to florian@saipan.com.

All bids shall become the property of the CNMI Public School System.

Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

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INVITATION FOR BID
IFB 09-013

The Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the **Construction of 5 New Classrooms at Tinian Elementary School**. The Scope of Work is available beginning April 29, 2009 at Pacific Quick Print & Post, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. Call ahead for the price of these plans and specifications to 233.7678.

All bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 09-013" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, no later than 11:00 AM, May 27, 2009. Any bid submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

There will be pre-bid meeting at 10:00 AM, May 19, 2009 in the PSS CIP Office in the 2nd Floor of the Retirement Fund Building. Technical Questions may be submitted at any time before this meeting and through May, 22, 2009. Technical questions may be submitted to David Loan, CIP Coordinator by fax to 664.3715 or by e-mail to "dfaloan@yahoo.com. Procedural questions may be submitted to Robert Florian, Procurement and Supply Officer by fax to 664.3791 or e-mail to florian@saipan.com.

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Asia

Taliban trap civilians in Pakistani war zone

MINGORA, Pakistan (AP)—Taliban militants blocked roads with rocks and trees, preventing terrified civilians from fleeing a Pakistani valley Thursday as the army stepped up a ground and air assault on the guerrillas that has been applauded by the U.S., witnesses said.

Destabilizing violence is flaring in Pakistan just as its embattled president is appealing in Washington for more help to reverse the extension of Taliban-held territory to within 60 miles (100 kilometers) of the capital. The U.S. is particularly concerned by the unrest because its troops are fighting an increasingly virulent insurgency in Afghanistan fed from militant havens in Pakistan's lawless border area.

Officials are bracing for a mass exodus from the Swat Valley, a former tourist destination where fighting has resumed after the breakdown of a controversial peace deal earlier this week. The military claimed to have killed more than 80 militants in the region on Wednesday. There has been no official word on civilian casualties.

More than 500,000 Pakistanis driven out by fighting in other regions of the northwest are already living in makeshift camps or with relatives, adding a growing humanitarian crisis to the country's daunting security, economic and political problems.

With Taliban militants roaming the streets of Mingora, Swat's main town, on Thursday and troops launching artillery and airstrikes on militant targets from helicopter, many residents hunkered down in their homes.

ASIAN BRIEFS

RP death toll in storm climbs to 27

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Officials say the death toll from a storm that lashed the northeastern Philippines last week has risen to 27, as the country braced itself for more bad weather. The National Disaster Coordinating Council said Wednesday that more bodies have been discovered in the mud and debris caused by landslides and floods that have left nearly 55,000 homeless. Eight people are still missing. The country is also bracing for tropical storm Chan-Hom that is forecast to move toward the western Philippines by Thursday morning. About 20 typhoons and tropical storms lash the country each year, but officials say the storm's appearance in midsummer is an unusual occurrence that may have been caused by global warming.

Report: 5,335 students dead, missing in China quake

BEIJING (AP)—China said Thursday that 5,335 students died or remain missing in last year's massive Sichuan earthquake, the first official tally in what became a politically charged issue because of allegations of corruption and shoddy school construction. The overall death toll in the May 12 quake was unchanged at 68,712 and almost 18,000 people are still listed as missing, Huang Mingquan, head of Sichuan civil affairs department, said at a news conference in the provincial capital of Chengdu. While the government began a count of the dead and missing within hours after the magnitude-7.9 temblor razed huge portions of Sichuan, authorities have refused until now to say how many students were killed when thousands of classrooms collapsed while buildings around them remained intact.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS BAR EXAMINATION

The Northern Mariana Islands Bar Examinations (MBE, MPT, and Essay) will be administered on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 and Thursday, July 30, 2009. Interested applicants may obtain the application form and necessary information from the Bar Administrator by calling telephone no. (670) 236-9800, visiting the judiciary's website at **http://www.justice.gov.mp,** or by writing to P.O. Box 502165, Saipan, MP 96950.

All applications and required fees must be submitted to the Bar Administrator no later than May 29, 2009.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2009.

NORA V. BORJA
Bar Administrator

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SUNSET VILLA BEACH COTTAGES

The Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) is soliciting proposals for the sale of the **SUNSET VILLA BEACH COTTAGES Lot No. 105 R 01, located in Sonton Rota.** The property spans 6,422 square meters and contains 14 unit rooms of 6 cottages, 4 deluxe and 4 super deluxe rooms all with ocean view.

The sale shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
1. Minimum offer - $700,000.00.
2. Sale will be granted to the highest and or best offer.
3. Sunset Villa is being sold at its current condition, **"AS IS"**.
4. Sunset Villa is being sold **"WITHOUT WARRANTY"** of any type.
5. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale from time to time.

Interested party or person may contact Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director at 234-6245 for further information and Nanette Atalig, at 532-9408 to inspect the property. Failure to inspect the property will not constitute grounds for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

A non-refundable deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid upon award by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Unless otherwise proposed and accepted by CDA, the remaining balance shall be due within ten (10) business days of the award. Failure to make payment of that remaining balance within ten (10) business days shall result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.

Interested party or person are asked to submit their proposal at the CDA Saipan Office in a sealed envelop identified as "Sunset Villa Proposal" attention Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director. Deadline to submit proposal is **4:00 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2009.**

Dated this 27th day of April, 2009.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

/s/ Manuel A. Sablan
Executive Director

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

NOTICE

The Coastal Resources Management Office hereby informs the general public that effective immediately any and all signs posted in an Area of Particular Concern, political campaign & otherwise, must have a CRM permit prior to such posting.

Please call 664-8300 or visit our office at San Jose, 2nd Floor Morgen's Bldg.

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

ESTHER A. CASTRO and WAYNE T. ALDAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 20, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 2, 2001 under Document No. 01-2164 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 330 R 21 containing an area of 838 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 330 R 02, dated March 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, dated March 16, 1992, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$59,940.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2009.

/S/JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director, NMHC

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

GUADALUPE O. BORJA ("Trustor"), on or about October 16, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1984 under Document No. 84-2185 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 017 D 35, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 4842, on the 11th day of September, 1975.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 29th day of April, 2009.

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

ELISA P. AQUININGOC/JESSE P. AQUININGOC (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 4, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 10, 1998 under Document No. 98-4068 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 008 T 114, containing an area of 923 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 008 T 01 dated January 7, 1988, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 88-161, dated January 19, 1988, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$101,820.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 29th day of April, 2009.

/S/JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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World

Millions of kids begin returning to Mexico schools

SAN MIGUEL TOPILEJO, Mexico (AP)—As if marshaling for war, Mexico's government mobilized thousands of education officials and parents across the country to swiftly disinfect schools and monitor millions of returning students for signs of swine flu.

High schools and universities open Thursday after a two-week closure intended to curb the spread of the virus. Younger children were ordered back to class on Monday.

Secretary of Public Education Alonso Lujambio called on Mexicans to show "strength of spirit," trying to assuage worries that it's too early to reopen schools after the flu outbreak that killed 42 people in Mexico and sickened more than 1,100.

Parents expressed relief that their children, shuttered too long in homes, could return to class. But they also worried that the virus could surge back once 40 million young people gather in groups again.

"My 17-year-old daughter is afraid. She knows she must go back but doesn't want to," said Silvia Mendez as she led her 4-year-old son, Enrique, down a narrow street in San Miguel Topilejo, a town perched in forested mountains near the capital.

Mendez and her son wore masks as they walked to the tiny roasted chicken restaurant she owns. Enrique spoke adoringly of his teacher and seemed impatient to get back to kindergarten.

Working parents have struggled to provide child care during the shutdown. It forced many to stay home from work, bring their youngsters to their jobs, or leave them at home.

WORLD BRIEFS

Some lawmakers allege fraud in Haiti election

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Some of Haiti's most powerful lawmakers are calling for last month's parliamentary elections to be thrown out because of allegations of voter fraud and political manipulation. Sen. Youri Latortue, the powerful head of the chamber's justice and security committee, and at least three other senators said this week that they would try to block victors of next month's run-offs from taking office to protest the results. It is not clear what effect the lawmakers' protests will have, but fraud allegations could prove troubling in this impoverished Caribbean country where disputed elections have been the precursor to violence and upheaval in recent years.

Official: 9 dead in Ukraine gambling hall blast

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—A Ukrainian emergency official says nine people have been killed in an explosion at a gambling hall in eastern Ukraine. Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman Ihor Krol says 11 were wounded in the blast in Dnipropetrovsk early Thursday. Krol says investigators are trying to establish what caused the explosion. He says no cause has yet been ruled out, leaving the possibility it was a bomb. Krol said dozens of firefighters had extinguished an ensuing fire.

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UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

ANGELICA R. BERMUDES/HERMAN R. BERMUDES (collectively "Trustor"), on or about February 10, 1987, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on February 10, 1987 under Document No. 87-0297 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Tract No. H-314-1 containing an area of 929 square meters more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys check number 2092/86, which was filed at the Commonwealth Recorder's office under file number 86-0857, BK. 1, PG-170, 3:38 p.m. on April 29, 1986.
Tract No. H-314-R/W contain an area of 759 square meters more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Check Number 2092/86, which was filed at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office under file number 86-2112, BK. 6, PG-96, 1:55 p.m. on October 22, 1986.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$53,150.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 29th day of April, 2009.

/S/JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director, NMHC

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UNDER POWER OF SALE
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ANTONIA T. TEIGITA/ EFRAIN T. TEIGITA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about August 1, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 1, 1984 under Document No. 84-1366 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 003 B 16, and Containing an area of 1,117 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 003 B 02, the original of which was registered with the Land Commission as Document 5979, on the 4th day of April, 1977.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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NOTICE OF SALE

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DONALD C. CAMACHO and ROSALINDA ULLOA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 20, 2004, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 23, 2004 under Document No. 04-3035 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot 001 C 57, (part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of Lot 001 C 15, which was part of Lot 001 C 13, which was part of original Lot 001 C 5, TD 697), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 11, the original of which was recorded 05 JUN as Document No. 98-1697 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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DONNA Q. KAPILEO and DONOVAN K. TECHUR (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 16, 1999, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 23, 1999 under Document No. 99-2778 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 011 G 1091, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 20, the original of which was recorded 09 Dec 93 as Document No. 93-4288 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$108,650.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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UNDER POWER OF SALE
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MARIA A. TEREGEYO ("Trustor"), on or about June 6, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 6, 1984 under Document No. 84-881 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 494, containing an area of 745 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$116,150.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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RICARDO P. CASTRO and LORENZA P. CASTRO (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 8, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1998 under Document No. 98-3276 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 011 G 685, containing an area of 845 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plate No. 011 G 14 dated December 1, 1993 , Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4182, dated December 3, 1993, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$90,200.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **May 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than May 28, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Kalamazoo links broccoli smell to sewer system

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP)—An official said he's found a source of the city's long-running mystery stink. Public Services Director Bruce Merchant says the "rotten broccoli" smell that's bothered residents of northeastern Kalamazoo since last summer comes from the sewer system. Merchant said a "junction chamber" that holds sewage near a now-closed Georgia Pacific paper plant no longer gets the volume of flow needed to cut odors. The chamber also gets 150-degree discharge from a packaging plant. The Kalamazoo Gazette said officials will install a carbon-equipped vent to scrub air the chamber discharges.

Now that's a haul: Greek robbers steal man's home

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Police in Greece say robbers near Athens have stolen everything including the kitchen sink, lifting a prefabricated home off its foundation and spiriting it away. Police said the owner went to visit his 750-square-foot (70-square meter) vacation home Monday in the coastal area of Rafina, 15.5 miles (25 kilometers) east of Athens, and discovered it was missing, along with its contents. Police said Wednesday they think the thieves used a crane to load the structure onto a trailer. They have been unable to locate the missing building. Thousands of Athenians, including Greece's prime minister, Costas Karamanlis, have vacation properties in Rafina.

Woman allegedly plows truck past golf course gates

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A 21-year-old woman has been arrested after officials said she plowed a pickup through the gates of the O'Malley's On the Green golf course. Anchorage police have charged the woman with burglary and criminal mischief. Police spokesman Dave Parker said the woman was arrested when she returned to the truck after leaving a golf course building. He said police found a broken liquor bottle and cell phone next to the pickup, and a woman's purse inside. The woman told police there were two men with her, but no one was found at the scene.

Broken glass betrays Mass. break-in suspect

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)—The thief was long gone when Springfield police arrived at a gas station break-in to find a smashed glass door and missing cigarettes and lottery tickets. Then they got a break—from a suspect. As officers were investigating Wednesday morning, a hospital notified them a man was in the emergency room claiming he had been stabbed in the leg. Police said officers went to the hospital and found he had shards of glass on his clothes and shoes, and several smaller cuts. He was carrying several packs of cigarettes. The investigators determined the man had cut himself on the glass. They later found he was carrying several lottery tickets. Police arrested the 22-year-old and charged him with breaking and entering and larceny.

Dad accused of using dog shock collar on his kids

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—A father was accused of using a dog shock collar on his four children. Salem Police Lt. Dave Okada said the 41-year-old man was jailed Tuesday on charges of criminal mistreatment. He said the father acknowledged putting the electronic dog collar on his four children and shocking all of them at least once. According to Okada, the father didn't do it as a punishment. Rather, he thought it was funny. The children, all younger than 10, are in the custody of their mother. The case has been referred to state Department of Human Services.

Cow may get new home after slaughterhouse escape

NEW YORK (AP)—A cow nicknamed Molly who escaped from a New York City slaughterhouse may have a new lease on life. New York police said the all-black cow got out from Musa Hala, Inc. about 1 p.m. Wednesday, a slaughterhouse where animals are butchered according to religious restrictions. She wandered nearly a mile before she was corralled and captured by Emergency Services Unit officers. She was darted and delivered to the city's Animal Care and Control, where she was nicknamed Molly. Officials there are looking into whether Molly the cow can be placed at a farm sanctuary to live out her life or if she must be returned for slaughter. It depends on whether anyone comes forward to claim her. Animal care officials said a handful of cows in the past decade have escaped to the city streets.

Texas dog home after 8 years, answering new name

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—A puppy that scampered away from her Texas home is all grown up now and mysteriously back after eight years. Owner Alison Murphy of Austin isn't sure where Dancer has been but says obedience school is the next stop for her newly recovered pet. KVUE-TV reports that the brown and white terrier mix was left last week at the Humane Society in New Braunfels, about 45 miles away. A musician found the dog in his neighborhood and after a few days took the animal to the Humane Society to see if she had a microchip implant. Dancer did. Murphy says Dancer's teeth "are in great shape" and the dog is "still the same old girl." Except the dog no longer recognizes her name. She instead responds to the name Fern.

53 pounds of packed cocaine found on Texas beach

SABINE PASS, Texas (AP)—Beachcombers found more than seashells while strolling on a Texas beach: two dozen neatly wrapped packages of cocaine. Jefferson County Sheriff's Lt. Troy Tucker said drug smugglers have been known to use freighters and the cocaine may have been kicked overboard to avoid detection. The sheriff's department was working with federal agencies Wednesday to try to determine the source of the 53 pounds of cocaine, worth about $500,000. KFDM-TV reported the cocaine was found Tuesday west of Sea Rim State Park, in the Sabine Pass area. It was found by people looking for debris, such as metal, that washes ashore.

Delaware family sets trap to nab teen joyriders

NEW CASTLE, Del. (AP)—Two teens are in custody after a family set a trap to catch whoever was repeatedly taking their SUV in the middle of the night, driving it around and filling the tank up before returning it. The teens were arrested Sunday and charged with felony theft. Several months ago, city police said the Acura MDX owner repeatedly smelled gas and tobacco in his car. He often noticed the gas gauge fluctuating dramatically. So he put a motion sensor and alarm in the car. When the vehicle was driven away, the alarm went off and he called police. Police said the teens found a spare set of keys inside the unlocked SUV several months ago and returned with the keys to take the car out for joyrides.

Message of Appreciation

We, the family of the late

DELORES "LING" PALACIOS CURLEY

would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to all our relatives and friends who stood by us in our time of sorrow. We thank you for the tremendous support, assistance and prayers that you gave and shared with our family before, during and after the interment of our beloved Ling.

Our special thanks goes out to Father Charlie, Father Isaac and the Altar Servers, our Techa "Mrs. Maria Camacho Muña", to our families and friends on Saipan, Guam and from the Mainland, to EMS Personnel, to the Commonwealth Health Center, the CNMI and Honolulu Medical Referral Office, Dr. Neil H. Atebara and Staff of Queens Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, Dr. Norman S. Ada, Dr. Janna Wilgus, Ms. Lina Cabales and especially to Ms. Margret T. Cabrera for the beautiful songs during the Christian Mass and also to the Choirs of Saint Jude's Church for the lovely songs that they sing during the nightly masses, to Borja Funeral Home and for those individuals not mentioned that gave us their prayers & assistance. We will always treasure in our hearts your assistance, sympathy and words of encouragement.

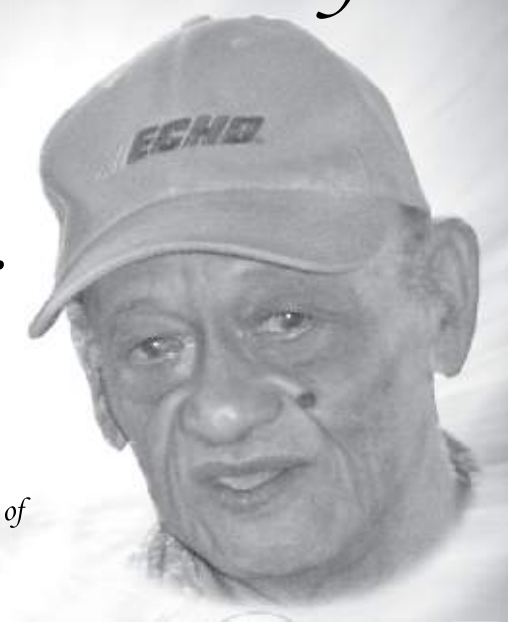
Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

Mr. Gary Lee Curley, Children, Grandchildren and Family

First Death Anniversary

We, the family of our late beloved

Maximino Kotomor Taitano



humbly invite our family, relatives, and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the first death anniversary of our beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather passage to eternal life.

Nightly rosary will be said at 7:00 p.m. beginning May 9th, 2009 at the family residence in Tanapag.

On the final day, Sunday, May 17th, anniversary mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. at Santa Remedios Church and rosary will follow after the mass.

Appreciation breakfast will be served at the residence.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

The Family

Science & Technology

Device targets mosquitoes with deadly nectar

STATESBORO, Ga. (AP)—The ProVector Bt may not look too much like a real flower, but the artificial device sports bright, finely tuned colors and sweet nectar that can lure and kill mosquitoes that potentially carry diseases.

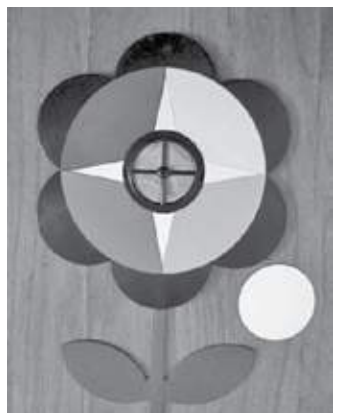
The ProVector uses sugar, chemicals and a biopesticide called Bacillus thuringiensis to attract and kill the bugs. The insects feed on the deadly nectar through a metal screen on the artificial flower.

Results are so far encouraging. Studies conducted by a Walter Reed Army Institute of Research laboratory found the contraption killed half to all of the insects it attracted within days.

Georgia Southern University professor Thomas Kollars, a former U.S. Army entomologist stationed in southeast Asia, began the project 11 years ago after pondering over the shortcomings with traditional, pesticides-based approaches to fighting mosquitoes.

"Why don't we feed an antimalarial right to a mosquito?" he wondered.

Kollars concluded the best way to do so was target their food source, as mosquitoes feed on sugar sources 10 times more often than blood. He also had to find a way to use Bt, a pesticide that has long been used to kill mosquito larvae, to strike down mature adults.



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In this undated image provided by Georgia Southern University, A ProVector Bit is shown. The ProVector Bt may not look too much like a real flower, but the artificial device sports bright, finely tuned colors and sweet nectar that can lure and kill mosquitoes that potentially carry diseases.

He spent years developing a deadly concoction that mosquitoes would actually eat. Almost as challenging was finding a color scheme that could attract the different species of mosquito that carry the deadly diseases.

The malaria-carrying anopheles species, for example, is attracted to red and black while the culex species—which carries the West Nile virus—likes gold and yellow. But the colors had to be precise.

HELP FILE

By ROB PEGORARO
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Q: When I leave my iPhone near the speakerphone at my office, I hear this weird buzzing noise. What's going on?

A: Signals sent by the phone—which must periodically have a quick, "yeah, I'm here" conversation with nearby transmitter towers—are getting picked up by the speaker, causing it to buzz or crackle.

This problem is not limited to Apple's iPhone. Any device using the same GSM (Global System for Mobile) technology as Apple's smartphone, which includes those sold by AT&T Wireless or T-Mobile, can cause nearby audio devices to buzz. Old Nextel phones can also create this sort of interference, while phones based on the CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) technology used by Sprint and Verizon Wireless should not.

Properly designed phones and speakers can squelch this problem (some reviewers have noted that the iPhone 3G, when on a 3G signal, doesn't cause any buzzing), while a few users have experimented with aluminum foil shielding.

But you can also just move the offending phone farther away from the speaker—as a visiting publicist did here on Friday when his iPhone caused a speakerphone in a conference room to buzz away.

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Q: Every time I try to double-click a photo, I get an error message saying that Dell Image Expert can't find the file, even though I'm looking right at it in the My Pictures folder.

A: This program—an add-on that Dell has bundled—somehow got its own file database scrambled. The easiest fix is to uninstall it: Go to the Add or Remove Programs control panel and kick it off your system.

There are far better photo-album programs available, many free. Try, for example, Google's Picasa, Microsoft's Windows Live Photo Gallery, Kodak's EasyShare or Hewlett-Packard's Photosmart Essential.

Pegoraro attempts to untangle computing conundrums and errant electronics each week. Send questions to robp@washpost.com.

More cell phone users dropping landlines

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a high-tech shift accelerated by the recession, the number of U.S. households opting for only cell phones has for the first time surpassed those that just have traditional landlines.

It is the freshest evidence of the growing appeal of wireless phones.

Twenty percent of households had only cells during the last half of 2008, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey released Wednesday. That was an increase of nearly 3 percentage points over the first half of the year, the largest six-month increase since the government started gathering such data in 2003.

The 20 percent of homes with only cell phones compared with 17 percent with landlines but no cells.

That ratio has changed starkly in recent years: In the first six months of 2003, just 3 percent of households were wireless only, while 43 percent stuck with only landlines.

Stephen Blumberg, senior scientist at the CDC and an author of the report, attributed the growing number of cell-only households in part to a recession that has forced many families to scour their budgets for savings. People who live in homes that have only wireless service tend to be disproportionately low-income, young, renters and Hispanics.

"We do expect that with the recession, we'd see an increase in the prevalence of wireless only households, above what we might have expected had there been no recession," Blumberg said.

Six in 10 households have both landlines and cell phones. Even so, industry analysts emphasized the public's growing love affair with the versatility of cell phones, which can perform functions like receiving text messages and are also mobile.

"The end game is consumers are paying two bills for the same service," said John Fletcher, an analyst for the market research firm SNL Kagan, referring to cell and landline phones. "Which are they going to choose? They'll choose the one they can take with them in their car."

In one illustration of the impact these changes are having, Verizon Communications Inc. had 39 million landline telephone customers in March 2008 but 35 million a year later. Over the same period, its wireless customers grew from 67 million to 87 million, though 13 million of the added lines came from the firm's acquisition of Alltell Corp., according to figures provided by Verizon spokesman Bill Kula.

In Celebration of his New Life

Francisco Benavente Aldan

(TOJO)

May 11,1963 — May 2, 2009

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Parents: FelipeComcepcion Aldan
Ana Manahane Benavente
Father in Law: Yamamoto Sokau
Sister: Margarita B. Aldan (Babe)
Niece: Connie (kit) B. Aldan
Grandparents: Guillermo Villagomez Benavente
Grandparents: Carmen Deleon Guerrero Manahane

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Marilyn Alfonso Sokau Aldan
Children: Kimberly Sokau Aldan (Portland)
Trini Sokau Aldan
Katelyn Sokau Aldan
Franklin Sokau Aldan
Tommy John Sokau Aldan

First wife: Geraldine Demapan/ Larry Sebaklim

Darlene Ann Aldan (Sebaklim)/ James Yanruw(Darnell James)
Daisy D.Aldan (Sebaklim)/ Javin,Nivon
Francisco Aldan Jr. (Sebaklim)/ Nina D. Aldan(Sebaklim)

Brothers: Tomas Aldan/ Liz Castro
Jose Aldan/ Lydia Hocog
Ray & Rudy Aldan
Sisters: Rosario B. Aldan
Lourdes/ Ray Cepeda (California)
Remedio/ Larry Cernansky (Pennsylvania)
Carmen/ George Annis (California)
Marcelina/Frank Rabauliman
Merced/ Oly Magofna (Guam)
Teresita/Iava(Scat) To'omata
Mother-in-law: Lorenza "Yosie" Alfonso Sokau
Brothers and sisters-in-law:
Larry A. Sokau/ Marilyn Muna
Johnny A. Sokau/ Mariana Kikuo (Palau)
Samson Sokau/ Michelle (Palau)
McGarrett A. Sokau/ Georgia Idip (Guam)
Elenita/ Simon M. Kaainoa
Jackie/ Myron Sablan
Tracy/ Keisuke D. Kashi (Portland)
Godparents: Frank Diaz/ Bedu
Maria D. Cabrera/ Joaquin
Asin/ Berang Mendiola
Marriage witness: Victor/Villia Hocog
Ane Marie Deleon Guerrero/Antonio
Close family members:
Esther Delos Reyes (Paul)
Joseph Jr. Aldan (Meng)
Doris Ann (David Atalig)-Oregon
Brenda Lynn (Ton)- Oregon
Sherry Lou (Dominic Pangelinan)-Washington
Caroline Aldan-Oregon
Anthony A. Arriola
Special auntie: Rosa Benavente Royal (Uncle Mark)
Goddaughter: Ana Salas Mendiola
Techa Lou Saures

Nightly mass and rosary is being prayed at St. Jude Church in Koblerville. On Friday (May 8,2009) 6pm mass followed by the rosary. Saturday (May 9,2009) mass is at 7am and rosary at 7pm. On Sunday (May 10, 2009) mass at 6am and 8am and rosary at 7pm. Monday, the day of the funeral the body will leave CHC morgue at 7:30am and will be escorted to Mt. Carmel Church. Funeral mass will begin at 11am followed by Christian burial at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your prayers and thoughts are greatly appreciated from the wife, children and family.

Island Snapshots

IN APPRECIATION CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Laurie Peterka, president of the NMI Volleyball Association, and Russ Quinn, board member, present PIC with an autographed beach volleyball signed by Olympic gold medalist Phil Dalhausser. NMIVA thanked PIC for its generous contribution of complimentary room nights, meals, staffing, equipment and gift certificates for the 17th Annual Marianas Cup Beach Volleyball Festival in March 2009. Pictured from left to right: Sergei Bargamotov (Entertainment Manager); Lindsey Sosovec (Sports Manager); Glenn Policare (Activities Manager); Cole Pritchard (Director of Sports, Entertainment & Activities); Kieran Daly (General Manager); Laurie Peterka (NMIVA President); and Russ Quinn (NMIVA Board, Coaching & Development). The next Marianas Cup is slated for Feb 26-28, 2010.

HANMI DONATION CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

During their last general membership meeting, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands vice chair Nick Nishikawa presents a charitable donation of $1,000 to Crimestoppers coordinator Officer Jason Tarkong in support of the organization's efforts to help solve crimes. Pictured from left are Crimestoppers board member Robert "Woody" Woodruff, Tarkong, Crimestoppers treasurer James Matsumoto, Nishikawa, Crimestoppers board member Mark Birmingham, HANMI treasurer Michael Johnson and HANMI secretary B.K. Park. HANMI will be raising additional funds for community programs through their annual charity golf tournament later this month.

PARENT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Over 35 parents and caregivers attended the Parent Development Mini-workshops sponsored by the Division of Youth Services on April 28-29, 2009. The workshops aimed to assist parents and caregivers in their parenting abilities. One of DYS' main goals is to assist families as they strive to raise their children in healthy, safe, and nurturing ways. The workshops were held in recognition of April as the Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month. The presenters included Sr. Maryann Hartmann, Jennifer Furey-Maratita, licensed counselor from the Community Guidance Center; Mary Ann Stewart, PSS child psychologist; and Laura T. Ogumoro of the Division of Youth Services.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 4th birthday to Trevor Jude S. Aguon! May you continue to grow into a smart and strong boy! Lots of love from your family!

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 2nd birthday to our princess, Leilani Justine "Nini Girl" Lizama Cabrera! May you enjoy your day and may you have many more birthdays to come. God bless and we love you. Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, Nana Girl, Tun, Leina and the family.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy Mother's Day greetings to SSgt. Maylynn Henrick Babauta, also called "Mommy," who is currently stationed at Camp Ali al-Salem in Kuwait. "We love you and we pray for your safe return." Greetings come from your baby boy "Kody Angel" and your Dandan familia. Other picture shows Babauta posing with Beau Biden, the son of United States Vice President Joseph Biden. Babauta is the daughter of Francisco S. and the late Justina H. Babauta.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday greetings to Shawn M. Camacho, who is celebrating his 23rd birthday! May this birthday be just the beginning of a year filled with happy memories, wonderful moments and shining dreams. Many blessings from your family and friends.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Birthday greetings going out to Emrose Made! From your friends and families but mostly from your big sister, Emko. Happy birthday and I love you, baby sis! May the Lord be with you and bless you with many more birthdays to come.

Another singer slashed on 'Idol,' leaving 3

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"American Idol" finalist Allison Iraheta has a reason to cry.

The flame-haired 17-year-old high school student from Los Angeles, who crooned Janis Joplin's "Cry Baby" for her rock performance this week, was revealed Wednesday to have received the fewest viewer votes, leaving three singers in the popular Fox singing competition.

Iraheta seemed to take her dismissal in stride, belting out an energized "Cry Baby" reprise then razzing the last three dudes standing—Kris Allen, Danny Gokey and Adam Lambert. Throughout the competition, judge Simon Cowell chided Iraheta for not showing off more of her personality, but she finally lashed back at the acerbic British judge on Tuesday.

"He was asking for it," she said.

Before the results were revealed, the final four were joined by this week's mentor, former Guns 'N Roses guitarist Slash, for a frantic rendition of Alice Cooper's "School's Out." Also taking the "Idol" stage—for the first time ever!—was judge Paula Abdul in a smokey pre-taped performance of her new single, "I'm Just Here for the Music."

Tuesday night's pre-show drama didn't seem to linger during the lead-up to Iraheta's elimination. The behemoth "Idol" logo which toppled over was back—and glowing—in place above the audience. And that moving staircase was also operational Wednesday after a crew member was sent to the hospital following a reported 20-foot fall from the top Tuesday.

However, Seacrest still seemed a little shaken up following all of the tumultuous tumbling, especially after No Doubt singer Gwen Stefani strutted down the steps, behind the judges' table and through the crowd while belting out "I'm Just a Girl" for an elimination episode performance. Seacrest joked she was making him nervous running around the stage.

"It's been a high-risk place this week," he said.

The finalists left in contest are Lambert, a 27-year-old theater actor from San Diego; Gokey, a 29-year-old church music director from Milwaukee; and Allen, a 23-year-old college student from Conway, Ark.

This week, the three singers will travel to their hometowns before performing two songs next week: one of their choosing, another from the show's judges

The next "Idol" will be crowned May 20.

In this photo provided by FOX, Allison Iraheta performs in front of the judges on American Idol on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 in Los Angeles.

AP

Deposition: Paris Hilton is a promotion machine

MIAMI (AP)—Paris Hilton may seem like the ultimate party girl, but she and her handlers swear she's really a globe-trotting workaholic who relentlessly plugs her projects and products.

Defending herself against a lawsuit claiming she didn't do enough to promote the 2006 bomb "Pledge This," Hilton insists in a deposition in Miami federal court that she went the extra mile for the movie.

"Any chance I got, any red carpet, any press, if I was doing something for another product ... I would just bring it up, 'Oh, my new sorority film, it's going to be sexy, it's going to be really hot girls'—like I really, you know, did my best," said Hilton, 28.

The deposition offers several other glimpses into Hilton's life, including her preference for David Letterman because Jay Leno asks questions she doesn't like. She also acknowledges she'd never seen her own cell phone bills until attorneys showed her one in an attempt to figure out who she was calling.

Asked who gets her bills, she replied, "I don't know. I'm assuming, like, whoever pays my bills. I never ask about that stuff."

The lawsuit was filed by the court-appointed receiver for a failed Miami investor in the film, Worldwide Entertainment Group. Receiver Michael Goldberg claims Hilton's failure to plug the movie's DVD release cost the investor more than $8.3 million—the amount of damages he seeks. A trial is scheduled to begin by June 8.

In the movie, a National Lampoon vehicle billed as a raunchy college comedy, Hilton plays Victoria English, president of the exclusive Gamma Gamma Gamma Sorority at fictional South Beach University. She wants to win a major men's magazine's "America's Hottest Sorority" contest, but the rules say the winning chapter needs diversity. Misfits are recruited and hilarity ensues, although audiences apparently didn't think so. The movie only made it to 25 theaters and lost money.

The hotel heiress and her company, Paris Hilton Entertainment Inc., contend she honored her deal to promote the limited theatrical release of "Pledge This!" and never agreed to do as much for the DVD. They also contend the investors made unreasonable and last-minute demands for publicity events when her overflowing schedule was fully booked.

"She's the single busiest person on the planet," Hilton attorney Michael Weinstein said Tuesday at a hearing on pretrial motions.

Hilton

In her March deposition, Hilton describes doing "a huge blowout" with press at the Cannes Film Festival in 2005 in hopes of drumming up interest.

"We made a huge splash out there, and I just continued talking about how great it was and how fun it was," she said.

Hilton was one of eight executive producers for the movie, though she acknowledged she was a bit shaky on what that meant. "I'm not sure what a producer does, but—I don't know, help get cool people in the cast," she said.

Hilton's manager and schedule overseer, Jason Moore, said in a deposition that she hasn't taken a day off "in years," with workdays often beginning at 6 a.m. or earlier for hair and makeup.

Changing a single item on that schedule is like "controlling chaos," so last-minute adjustments sought by movie investors weren't possible, Moore said. He cited long-scheduled business trips to places like Japan, Ireland and Australia, along with Hilton's work on "The Simple Life" reality TV show, which often left her without reliable access to phone service while she worked 18-hour days.

Court documents in the case show what was keeping her busy, documenting that she earned more than $22 million in 2006 and 2007 from contracts that included heavy promotional work, including Motorola cell phones in Japan, her Parlux line of fragrances, cosmetics and accessories, and promotional nightclub appearances.

At one point, the "Pledge This!" producers suggested that Hilton could appear on Leno's "Tonight Show," but Moore said that was a nonstarter.

Moore said Hilton vastly prefers Letterman, though she said she once got angry with him because he made fun of the 2007 incident in which she spent 23 days in jail for violating probation on alcohol-related reckless driving charges.

"I told his people that I would never do the show again, but then he apologized and called me and sent me flowers and was very sweet, and he was on the air a lot at nighttime like asking me to come back on the show, and we made up," Hilton said.

Moore said Hilton doesn't do Leno because he is Letterman's competition and because during a previous appearance he "didn't follow particular guidelines with regard to why we were there and promoting. We would never do Leno."

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Chris Pine, Winona Ryder
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Synopsis
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Maricel Soriano, Mika Dela Cruz
Action, Adventure • Rated NR

Synopsis
T2 is a story of Clair, a woman whose pain from his husband's breakup with her led her to Angeli, an orphan whom she is supposed to bring to the latter's mother who happened to be an engkanto.

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X-Men Origins:Wolverine

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Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber
Action, Adventure • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
X-Men Origins: Wolverine, the first chapter in the X-Men saga, unites Wolverine with several other legends of the X-Men Universe, in an epic revolution that pits the mutants against powerful forces determined to eliminate them.

X-Men Origins:Wolverine

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Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber
Action, Adventure • Rated PG 13

Ghost of Girlfriends Past

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Matthew McConaughhey, Jennifer Garner
Romantic, Comedy • Rated PG 13

Fighting

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Sunday	1:10	4:15	7:30	
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Channing Tatum, Terrence Howard
Urban, Crime • Rated PG 13

17 Again

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Zac Efron, Leslie Mann
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Kids caught in the crossfire of parents' dietary debate

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My wife is a vegetarian, but I am not. We agreed to raise our children as vegetarians until they could make that decision for themselves.

My children are now 6 and 10 and have indicated that they no longer want to be vegetarians. The older child is particularly frustrated that she's not allowed to eat such things as pasta sauce or soup that contains beef or chicken stock.

However, my wife is now reneging on our agreement. She says the kids aren't old enough to make such a decision, and she's refusing to set an age when they can do so.

I don't think we, as parents, should impose our preferences on our kids and deny them what they want. Am I wrong?

MASSACHUSETTS CARNIVORE

DEAR CARNIVORE: Are you kidding? Parents impose their preferences on their children all the time, and for as long as they can.

Your wife may be right that the kids should refrain from eating meat and meat products, but she is being heavy-handed and going about it in the wrong way. Unless she is prepared to stand over them 24/7, there is no way she can prevent them from eating meat if they are determined to do so.

What she can do is make sure they understand why she is a staunch vegetarian and why she would prefer that they remain that way. But there's no guarantee that they will—particularly if she permits this to become a power struggle.

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DEAR ABBY: You have always encouraged your readers to stay informed and be prepared. That's why we are writing you on behalf of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health (OWH) and WomenHeart to share with you and your readers our new, free Heart Health Kit for women and their families.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among American women, but we can all take steps to protect ourselves. That's why the OWH and WomenHeart have teamed up to create this must-have kit. It features information on major topics that are essential to keeping your heart healthy—including high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes and stroke. It also includes tips for women on recognizing the warning signs of a heart attack, which can be different from those experienced by men.

Abby, thank you for informing your readers about this serious issue, and please alert them to place their orders now because supplies are limited.

KATHLEEN UHL, M.D., ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH, FDA; LISA TATE, CEO, NATIONAL COALITION FOR WOMEN WITH HEART DISEASE

DEAR KATHLEEN AND LISA: My readers' well-being is important to me, and I'm pleased to help get the word out.

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Vatican paper: 'Angels & Demons' film is harmless

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Reviewers at the Vatican's newspaper have passed judgment on "Angels & Demons," finding the religious thriller commercial and inaccurate, but concluding it is "harmless" entertainment and not a danger to the church.

L'Osservatore Romano ran a review and an editorial in Wednesday's edition, critiquing the movie based on the Dan Brown best-selling novel of the same name.

"Angels & Demons" had its world premiere Monday in Rome, after director Ron Howard charged that the Vatican interfered with getting film permits to shoot scenes in the city—a contention the Vatican said was a publicity stunt.

The newspaper wrote that the movie was "a gigantic and smart commercial operation" filled with "stereotyped characters." The paper suggested moviegoers could make a game out of finding the many historical inaccuracies in the plot.

However, L'Osservatore praised Howard's "dynamic direction" and the "magnificent" reconstruction of locations like St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. Much of the film was shot on sets that painstakingly recreated church landmarks.

The film offers "more than two hours of harmless entertainment, which hardly affects the genius and mystery of Christianity," L'Osservatore's reviewer wrote. It's "a videogame that first of all sparks curiosity and is also, maybe, a bit of fun."

"Angels & Demons" features Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon of "The Da Vinci Code" fame, played by Tom Hanks. In the film, the Vatican turns to Langdon after an ancient secret brotherhood called the Illuminati kidnap four cardinals considered front-runners to be the next pope, and threaten to kill one an hour and then explode a bomb at the Vatican.

On Sunday, Howard said the Vatican had interfered with his efforts to get permits to shoot some scenes. A Vatican spokesman said the statement was designed purely to drum up publicity for the film.

Top church officials strongly objected to "The Da Vinci Code" because it was based on the idea that Jesus married and fathered children and depicted the conservative Catholic movement, Opus Dei, as a murderous cult.

Bravo replacing 'Runway' with 'The Fashion Show'

NEW YORK (AP)—Generally speaking, a fashion show and a runway go hand in hand. But for TV audiences, they'll now be rivals. Bravo is debuting "The Fashion Show" on Thursday (10 p.m. EDT) to fill the void left by "Project Runway," which bolted to rival Lifetime. Bravo recruited designer Isaac Mizrahi, singer Kelly Rowland and IMG Fashion Vice President Fern Mallis, the force behind much of New York Fashion Week, for its new reality show.

There are a few tweaks to "The Fashion Show": Each week a winning garment is to be manufactured and sold to the public via an online store; all the designers are professionals; and the winner at the end of the season will have his or her own line available at retail.

However, the similarities to the Heidi Klum-helmed show are striking, too. There are few fashion personalities who could rival the wit and openness of Michael Kors, but Mizrahi probably can. Rowland brings the celebrity element to the show, and Mallis probably has had her share of front-row catwalk seats next to Nina Garcia.

And there is, of course, the weekly challenge.

There's room for multiple fashion-themed reality shows because it's an industry that average Joes and Janes are mesmerized by and understand, says Mizrahi, who didn't name his obvious competitor. The sixth season of "Project Runway"—which has already been taped—will air this summer on Lifetime.

AP

This April 21, 2009 file photo shows Isaac Mizrahi attends the Food Bank for New York City's sixth annual Can-Do awards, in New York.

"As a judge, I am looking first for integrity. I can't tell yet about niches that people will fit into, but we have to train them to think properly and then think about the marketplace aspect. The difference with our show from other shows is that we have an audience that votes every week and they say some brutal things," Mizrahi says.

Police say designer claims actor head-butted him

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City police on Wednesday were investigating a fashion designer's claim that actor Kiefer Sutherland head-butted him at a Manhattan nightclub.

Jack McCollough, of the Proenza Schouler fashion house, said the incident happened around 2 a.m. Tuesday, reportedly at the club Sub-Mercer in SoHo, and claimed he was cut on his face.

McCollough claimed Sutherland, star of Fox television's "24," attacked him after an argument, according to a law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

The official said detectives plan to question Sutherland before the end of this week and might question actress Brooke Shields as a witness.

Nobody has been arrested.

Calls to representatives for Sutherland, McCollough and Shields weren't immediately returned.

AP

In this Jan. 25, 2009 file photo, Kiefer Sutherland arrives at the 15th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles.

Sutherland was released from a Glendale, Calif., jail last year after serving 48 days on a drunken driving charge. He had pleaded no contest to driving with a blood-alcohol level above the legal limit of 0.08 percent. He was sentenced to 30 days, as well as 18 days for violating probation in a 2004 drunken driving arrest.

Report: Abdul tells of struggle with painkillers

NEW YORK (AP)—Paula Abdul has told a magazine that she overcame a 12-year addiction to painkillers last year. The "American Idol" judge tells Ladies Home Journal in its June issue that she checked into a resort and spa in Carlsbad, Calif., where she weaned herself off her medications last Thanksgiving.

Abdul says she didn't like existing the way she had been.

The magazine says the 46-year-old singer-dancer had suffered for years from chronic pain caused by an unusual series of accidents.

Abdul's spokesman, Jeff Ballard, says Abdul "has moved forward in her life."

AP

In this March 5, 2009 file photo, "American Idol" judge Paula Abdul arrives at the American Idol Top 13 Party in Los Angeles.

HBO gives go-ahead to series about New Orleans

NEW YORK (AP)—HBO has given the go-ahead to a new series about New Orleans and its ongoing effort to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

It's called "Treme" (truh-MAY') after a Creole neighborhood with a rich musical tradition. The series creator has a rich television pedigree: He's David Simon, who also made "The Wire" and "Homicide: Life on the Street."

Simon is filming the series in New Orleans, after making a pilot there this spring. New Orleans residents will be included in the cast and writing team to add authenticity.

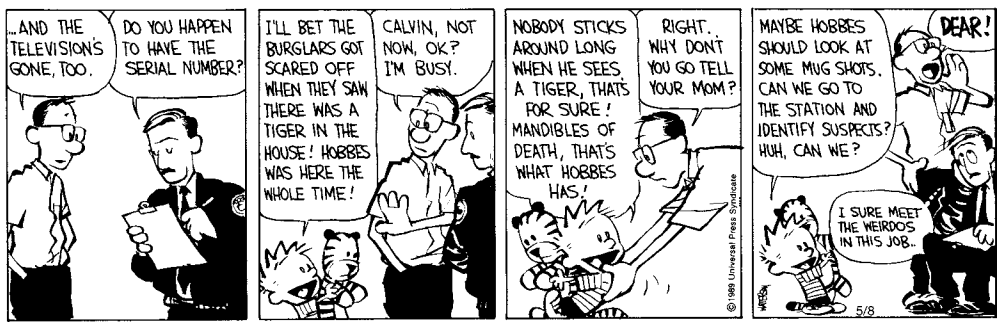
HBO says it expects the series to start in fall 2010.

It's the second time that post-Katrina New Orleans has been used as a backdrop for a major television series. Fox's detective drama "K-Ville" was canceled quickly last season.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


...AND THE TELEVISION'S GONE, TOO.
DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE THE SERIAL NUMBER?
I'LL BET THE BURGLARS GOT SCARED OFF WHEN THEY SAW THERE WAS A TIGER IN THE HOUSE! HOBBES WAS HERE THE WHOLE TIME!
CALVIN, NOT NOW, OK? I'M BUSY.
NOBODY STICKS AROUND LONG WHEN HE SEES A TIGER, THAT'S FOR SURE! MANDIBLES OF DEATH, THAT'S WHAT HOBBES HAS!
RIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU GO TELL YOUR MOM?
MAYBE HOBBES SHOULD LOOK AT SOME MUG SHOTS. CAN WE GO TO THE STATION AND IDENTIFY SUSPECTS? HUH, CAN WE?
DEAR!
I SURE MEET THE WEIRDOS IN THIS JOB.
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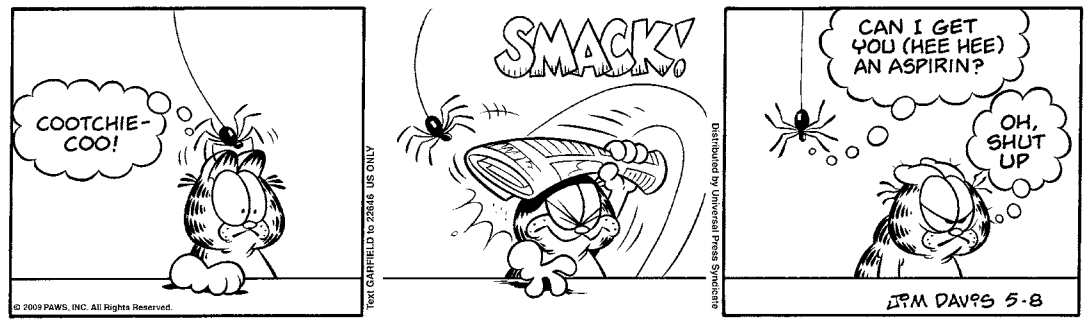
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CAN I GET YOU (HEE HEE) AN ASPIRIN?
OH, SHUT UP
JIM DAVIS 5-8

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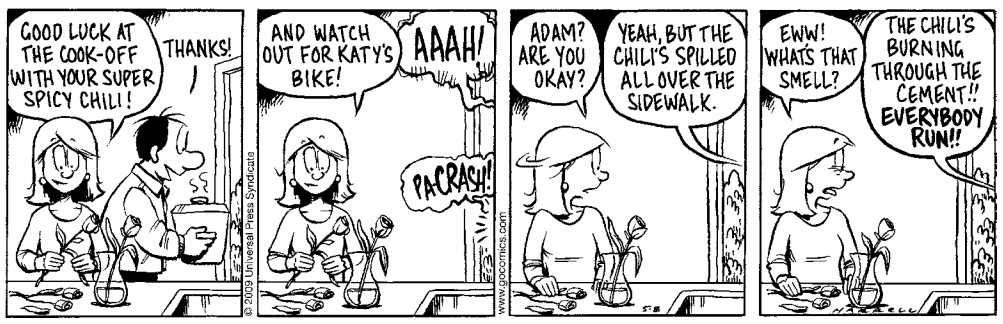
GOOD LUCK AT THE COOK-OFF WITH YOUR SUPER SPICY CHILI!
THANKS!
AND WATCH OUT FOR KATY'S BIKE!
AAAH!
PACRASH!
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ADAM? ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH, BUT THE CHILI'S SPILLED ALL OVER THE SIDEWALK.
EWW! WHAT'S THAT SMELL?
THE CHILI'S BURNING THROUGH THE CEMENT!! EVERYBODY RUN!!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Volcano output
4 One of the Three Bears
8 Slaughter of baseball lore
12 Story of a lifetime?
13 Scratches (out)
14 Anger
15 In the attic, maybe
17 Anger
18 At bat, so to speak
19 Seraglio group
20 Thick chunks
22 Be patient
24 Senate employee
25 Pirates
29 Luau music-maker
30 Conficker et al.
31 Extinct bird
32 Gives up hope
34 Urban pall
35 Pre-swan
36 "All in the Family" spin-off
37 Shackles a perp
40 Have coming
41 "Yeah, right!"
42 Runs a meeting with someone else
46 Gilpin of "Frasier"
47 Initial stake
48 Menagerie
49 Paradise
50 Indigent
51 Grown-up elver

DOWN

1 Dhabi preceder
2 Try the tea
3 Abductees
4 Bosc and Bartlett
5 Related
6 Apiece
7 Fool
8 Proofreader's finds
9 Depilatory brand
10 Eyeball
11 Appear
16 Brits' subway
19 Greet the villain
20 Tater
21 Baikal, for one
22 Fret
23 Weaponry
25 Form rings
26 Vaccinate
27 Crucifix
28 Parsley partner?
30 Witty ones
33 Short-necked seabird
34 Poet Teasdale
36 "Real Time With Bill —"
37 Part of a Batsuit
38 Secondhand
39 Conflagration
40 Prefix with plasm
42 Upper limit
43 Yoko of music
44 Shad delicacy
45 Scale member

Solution time: 25 mins.

A	C	E	S	■	P	E	P	■	N	E	A	R
N	O	A	H	■	R	O	E	■	A	X	L	E
N	A	S	A	■	O	N	E	■	I	T	E	M
E	X	T	R	A	S	■	W	E	A	R	■	■
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F	A	C	E	T	■	R	E	D	■	M	A	T
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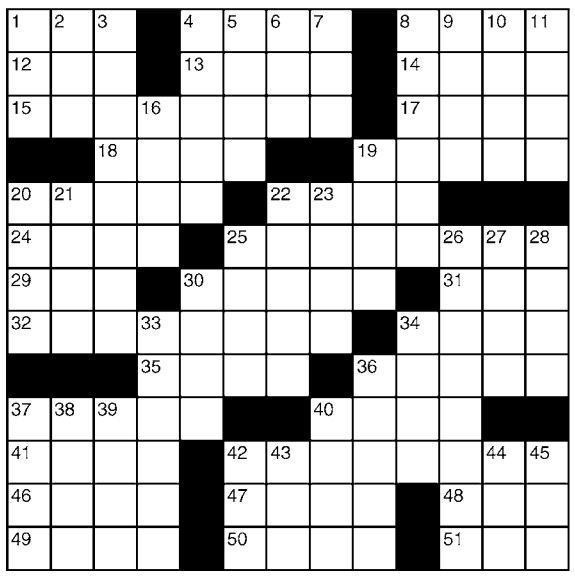
Yesterday's answer 5-8



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Enrique Iglesias, 34; Darren Hayes, 37; Melissa Gilbert, 45; Don Rickles, 83

Happy Birthday: You have to remain in the game even if things aren't running smoothly. Your boldness will conquer all in the end. Play a smart and efficient game, always thinking ahead and analyzing and planning your next move. This is not the time to sleep your way into the future. Do your own research. Your numbers are 6, 12, 14, 22, 30, 41, 49

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Refuse to give in to someone playing an unfair game. You can come out on top but only if you are astute and unafraid to say what you think. Something a close friend or partner shares with you could make a profound difference. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Set up meetings and you will be able to put some of the projects you are working on to rest before the weekend. Pay more attention to your relationships. You don't want to be blamed for not giving enough back. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Get out with colleagues, peers or fellow students and you will get a better handle on the work you have ahead of you. An intimate meeting will help you make a decision regarding your future plans. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Work from home and you will get far more accomplished. Taking care of some personal responsibilities will clear your mind and open up some free time to enjoy children, family or friends. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Take care of any pressing matters or responsibilities at home before going out or away for the weekend. Visiting a friend, lover or relative will lift your spirits and bring you insight on making your life less complicated. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take on a challenge and you will feel liberated. Your confidence will grow and there will be a marked difference in the way you handle others. This can be a new beginning if you follow your heart. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Talking matters through and changing any preconceived ideas that someone has about you will help ease your stress. Once you are on the same page, it will be much easier to establish a working relationship. Use your Libra charm and sophistication. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You may question your motives when it comes to your personal life. Honesty sometimes hurts but it is the only way you can stay true to who you are and eliminate the negative people from your life. You have choices to make. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You can work your way into a cushy position by talking seriously about your skills. A partnership can make your goals easier to achieve. Someone you work with will be able to take on more responsibilities, enabling you to fulfill your own interests. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Make a move, take care of personal paperwork or renegotiate old contracts. You will be able to make financially beneficial changes to your home and personal life. A problem with someone you care for will cause you to question whether to move on or try harder. ✪✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Ask questions rather than stewing over something that is bothering you. A personal matter can be cleared up quickly if you are honest and upfront. Now is a great time to make a positive change in a relationship with someone you care for. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): A deal that has been pending will take on a new life through a partnership that is offered. Don't overreact before you know what the deal entails. You will have far more maneuverability if you compromise. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intuitive, full of integrity, bold and courageous. You are charming, aggressive and mindful of what others have to contribute.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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	3			4				2
2				1				5
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		1				2		
	6		9					
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/08

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

8	5	3	2	7	4	6	1	9
1	2	4	9	3	6	7	8	5
9	7	6	1	5	8	4	2	3
2	8	7	5	9	3	1	4	6
3	4	9	8	6	1	5	7	2
5	6	1	4	2	7	9	3	8
4	3	5	7	8	9	2	6	1
7	9	8	6	1	2	3	5	4
6	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	7

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/07

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By DAVID OUELLET

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E	J	W	G	Z	O	Y	D	L	L	E	W	X	A	M
V	U	W	S	R	T	L	M	L	L	E	D	N	A	W
A	S	E	A	T	E	I	I	M	W	E	T	T	I	G
D	T	E	I	I	A	G	A	N	E	M	T	L	C	R
N	I	K	F	I	R	R	L	B	O	H	L	P	I	E
O	N	L	Y	L	L	O	M	N	E	I	L	A	R	T
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L	M	R	O	E	E	W	O	L	M	R	T	A	C	C
D	W	A	P	V	B	D	R	A	M	A	T	L	N	C
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, : CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0021
-v-
JOSEPH ALDAN ARRIOLA, Defendant.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 31, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 034 L 129, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS Check No. 034 L 21 recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office at File No. 97-1299; and Lot 034 L 130, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS Check No. 034 L 21, recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office at File No. 97-1299.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, May 15, 2009, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 13th day of April, 2008:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Name: Joey A. Paranada
Address: P.O. Box 501029, Saipan MP 96950
Phone: 670-483-7173

Pro Se,

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JOEY A. PARANADA, Petitioner, vs. KAREN M. PARANADA, Respondent,) FCD-CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0034) SUMMONS

TO: KAREN M. PARANADA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Joey A. Paranada whose address is P.O. Box 501029, Saipan, MP 96950, U.S.A. as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court as Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 22nd days of January, 2009.

Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. CYPRIANO KAIPAT BERKI and MELVA JUDYANN MUNA BERKI, Defendants.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-485) FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 28, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 1236, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 748 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Division of Lands and Surveys Officials Drawing/Cadastral plat No. 011 G 23, the original of which was recorded October 10, 1996, as Document No. 96-2566 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, May 29, 2009, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Ofices of Michael A. White, Esq., LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 1st day of May, 2009.

/s/ **MICHAEL A. WHITE**
Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF HAWAII, Plaintiff, vs. RICARDO R. RASA and MATILDE H. BERMUDES, Defendant.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0395) NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 28, 2009, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property:

EA 415-3NEW-3 (formerly part of EA 415-3 NEW, which was part of original EA 415), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2026/89, the original of which was recorded 07 DEC 88 as Document No. 88-3910 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on May 27, 2009, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at Carlsmith Ball LLP, Carlsmith Building, Capitol Hill, Isa Drive, P.O. Box 5241, Saipan, MP 96950-5241. The sale will be opened to general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED: Saipan, MP, April 28, 2009.

/s/ Vincent J. Seman
VINCENT J. SEMAN, F0361
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Bank Of Hawaii

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COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, -v- MARIANO S. NAPUTI, Defendant. : CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-382

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 13, 2006, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 334, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing as area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 08, the original of which was recorded May 14, 1990, as document No. 90-1905, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, May 15, 2009, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 13th day of April, 2008:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v- DANIEL JOSEPH M. CABRERA and MAGDALENA S. CABRERA, Defendants. : CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-0054

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 19, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: (a) Lot No. 005 1 180, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 1 02, the original of which was recorded March 11, 1983, as Document No. 16707, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan; and (b) Tract No. 225840-1-1, located in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on DLS Check No. 2119/92, deeded to Daniel Muna Cabrera on August 24, 1998, and recorded as File No. 99-2096 on September 3, 1999.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, May 15, 2009, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 13th day of April, 2008:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES
BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors for the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities (Council) wishes to announce two board vacancies for representatives from the island of Saipan.

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's mission is to "foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Raising funds and recruiting community partners;
- Providing input from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Humanities Council.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to Dr. Debra T. Cabrera, Chair, Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950 or may be delivered to the NMI Council for the Humanities office, located at the Kings Plaza Commercial Building in Dan Dan, Saipan. For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at http://nmihumanities.org.

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It is the policy of the Board of Education, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, that the Public School Personnel System shall be applied and administered according to the principles of equal employment opportunity as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Public Law 6 - 10, regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin. Applicants for this position must be a U.S. Citizen or be eligible and authorized to work in the U.S., including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Announcement No: **PSS – 2009 - 014**
Application & Employment Type: **Non-Certified**
Position Title: **System & Network Administrator I – III (2 Positions)**
Pay Level/Step: **31 - 33 / 01-12** Per Annum Salary: **$23,706.21 - $44,685.90**
Opening Date: **April 27, 2009** Closing Date: **May 12, 2009**
Location: **PSS – Administrative Services Division**
Benefits: Salary Commensurate with qualifications and experience, plus excellent benefits (including Life Insurance, Retirement Benefits, and Paid Leave/Holidays

Minimum Requirements:
System & Network Administrator I – Graduation from a US accredited college or university with an AA / AS degree, plus one (1) year work related experience.
System & Network Administrator II – Graduation from a US accredited college or university with a BA degree, plus one (1) year work related experience OR AA / AS degree, plus three (3) years work related experience.
System & Network Administrator III – Graduation from a US accredited college or university with an MA degree, plus five (5) years work related experience OR BA degree, plus seven (7) years work related experience.

***Detailed job description with qualification requirements can be obtained at PSS Human Resources Office at the 3rd Retirement Building, Capitol Hill, or download it online www.pss.cnmi.mp/humanresources**

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MAY OBTAIN A DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION WITH QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION FORMS AT THE PSS HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AT THE 3rd RETIREMENT BUILDING, CAPITOL HILL. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO COMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS: (1) COPY OF DIPLOMA/DEGREE, (2) TRANSCRIPTS, (3) POLICE CLEARANCE (FROM PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR PAST SIX0 MONTHS), (4) VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT LETTER, (5) RESUME, AND (6) TEACHING CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE).COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE OR MAILED TO: CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE, RETIREMENT BUILDING; THIRD FLOOR, P.O. BOX 501370 CK, SAIPAN, MP 96950, and TEL. #. (670) 237-3051, FAX # (670) 664-3707. ALSO VISIT http://www.pss.cnmi.mp/humanresources ON THE WORLDWIDE WEB.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities

P.O. Box 506437, Saipan, MP 96950

Commercial Office Space for Rent

The NMI Council for the Humanities is soliciting formal proposals from businesses or individuals who have commercial office space for rent on Saipan. The Council is seeking an office space on the ground floor with approximately 1,000 square feet of space.

Other requirements include:

A. Common area maintenance
B. Air Conditioning
C. 24 hours water available
D. Available for rent for two to five years, with option for renewal
E. Trash Collection

The deadline to submit Proposal Packages are due on May 15, 2009 at 4:00pm. All Proposal Packages must be delivered to the NMI Council for the Humanities office, located at the Kings Plaza Commercial Building in Dan Dan, Saipan.

This announcement does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the Council in any way. The NMI Council for the Humanities is a private, non-profit organization affiliated with the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, please call us at 235-4785.

/s/ Dr. Debra T. Cabrera
Chair, NMICH

/s/ Antonio V. Deleon Guerrero
Executive Director, NMICH

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP 09-017

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Food Service Management Companies (FSMC's) to provide food services for the School Breakfast and Lunch Program at all eligible schools on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota for school year 2009-2010.

Beginning May 8, 2009, the detailed specifications are available on CD-ROM at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

All proposals shall be in a sealed envelope face marked "RFP 09-017" containing one (1) original and five (5) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than June 3, 2009, 3:00 p.m. Any proposal received after this date and time will not be accepted.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. on May 22, 3009 in the PSS Commissioner's Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building.

Procedural questions shall be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement & Supply Officer, via fax to 664.3791 or e-mailed to "florian@saipan.com".

The Public School System reserves the right to award single or multiple awards or to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, if to do so is in the best interest of the Public Shool System.

/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/S/ Robert Florian
P&S Officer

Kobe puts up 40 as Lakers beat Rockets

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Another rough-and-tumble game between the Los Angeles Lakers and Houston Rockets turned bloody. This time, though, the Lakers defended their home court. Kobe Bryant scored 40 points, Pau Gasol added 22 points and 14 rebounds and the Lakers won Game 2 111-98 on Wednesday night to even the Western Conference semifinal series.

Ron Artest, one of two players ejected in the game, scored 25 points and Carl Landry added a career playoff-high 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Rockets, who overcame a 14-point deficit in the first half only to trail most of the second half.

Game 3 is Friday night in Houston.

Houston's Yao Ming finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds after picking up three fouls in the first half.

Emotions boiled over in the second half, with Derek Fisher of the Lakers and Artest getting ejected and technical fouls assessed to Bryant, Artest, Luis Scola, Luke Walton and Lamar Odom, who had 11 rebounds.

"It's the playoffs," Bryant said, "this is what it's about."

Artest was sent off the court by referee Joe Crawford with 6:57 remaining in the game after he pointed across the court at Bryant and made a gesture near his throat. Artest complained that he was elbowed in the throat by Bryant under the basket.

"We are playing basketball, there is a lot of contact taking place," Bryant said. "If you are going to be physical you have to expect to get physical back."

The final 30 seconds of the third quarter turned into a foul fest. Scola and teammates Odom and Walton all were hit with technicals after they jawed at the Lakers' end of the court.

Moments later, Fisher was called for a flagrant foul when he collided with Scola as the Rockets brought the ball up the court.

Scola fell to the court and Fisher received a bloody cut on his head near his right ear. Scola made both free throws and Houston retained possession.

There was sideline drama, too. Houston's Von Wafer was escorted to the locker room at the end of the third quarter after he was seen exchanging words with coach Rick Adelman.

Blood ran in Monday's series opener, won by the Rockets. Houston's Shane Battier had blood streaming down the left side of his face after catching an inadvertent elbow from Sasha Vujacic.

"Right from the opening tip we wanted to be aggressive, get after it a bit," Bryant said. "We are being tested and this is fun."

In between the whistles and walkoffs, there was basketball.

The Lakers opened the fourth quarter on a 13-9 run that pushed their lead to 99-86. The Rockets closed to 99-90 on a 3-pointer by Aaron Brooks, but Bryant scored five straight points and Houston didn't threaten again.

Tied at halftime, the Lakers outscored the Rockets 16-4 to take a 73-62 lead midway through the third quarter. Los Angeles made 7 of 9 free throws down the stretch and extended its lead to 86-77 entering the final 12 minutes.

Led by Landry's 16 points, the Rockets' reserves clobbered the Lakers' bench in the second quarter and erased all of the 14-point deficit. Houston took its first lead of the game, 49-48, on a 14-foot jumper by Artest that capped a 10-0 run.

Wafer added five points and Chuck Hayes two as Houston led by four points late in the period. But Bryant hit a 3-pointer with 4.5 seconds remaining to pull the Lakers into a halftime tie at 57.

The Lakers shot 73 percent from the field in the first quarter, streaking to a 39-25 lead. Bryant had 15 points—including a 22-footer to beat the final buzzer—and Gasol added 13. The Rockets made 10 of 18 shots but never led.

Rondo had 15 points, 18 assists and 11 rebounds for his third triple-double of the playoffs, and House scored a career high-shattering 31 points to lead Boston to victory over the Orlando Magic that evened the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Howard had 12 points and 12 rebounds and Lewis had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic, who stole Game 1 and home-court advantage on Monday night despite blowing almost all of a 28-point lead.

Game 3 is Friday night in Orlando.

Rondo had 12 assists without a turnover at the half and finished one assist short of his career high. The only time the 6-1 point guard has had more than 18 assists was the triple-overtime Game 6 of the first-round series against Chicago in which he played 57 1/2 minutes.

"He picked up where he left off last game," House said of Rondo. "He had a lot of energy on both ends of the court."

Ray Allen scored 22 points and Kendrick Perkins had 16 points and nine rebounds for the defending NBA champions, who avoided heading to Orlando down 0-2 and assured themselves of at least one more game in Boston.

Paul Pierce of the Celtics scored three points in 16 minutes, hitting a 3-pointer for the first basket of the game but he picked up two fouls in 50 seconds early in the first quarter and headed to the bench. He played just 2 more minutes in the second quarter before picking up his third foul, and lasted 4:07 into the third before drawing his fourth and sitting back down.

By the time he came back in—to give House a rest—Boston was nursing a double-digit lead in the last 4 minutes and the crowd was chanting "Eddie!" for the backup who helped them open a 26-point lead and coast to victory.

House went 11 for 14 from the field, making all four of his 3-point attempts and adding four 2-pointers from at least 20 feet in 27 minutes—the most he's played in a playoff game since he was a rookie with Miami in 2001. In the last three games, House is 18 for 24 from the field and 10 for 12 from 3-point range.

Celtics 112, Magic 94

At Boston, Rajon Rondo took the pass from Eddie House and bolted for the basket, cutting between 6-foot-11 Dwight Howard and 6-10 Rashard Lewis for a thunderous dunk. In a crucial game for the Boston Celtics, the little guys came up big.

AP

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, left, and Houston Rockets forward Ron Artest exchange words in the second half during Game 2 of a second-round NBA playoff series in Los Angeles, Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

Riley: Contract talks with Wade have already begun

MIAMI (AP)—Pat Riley's plan to make the Miami Heat better in 2010 might start with signing Dwyane Wade in 2009.

The Heat president said Wednesday that the team has already broached the topic of getting Wade to extend his contract this summer, instead of waiting for the potentially blockbuster-filled offseason of 2010.

Riley called Wade's future in Miami "absolutely" the top priority for the Heat right now.

"We would love to get a commitment," Riley said. "I mean, he's our franchise player. We've spent seven years together. We won a world championship with him. We love him to death. He's irreplaceable. ... But we also understand that he has the right to wait."

Wade is among several All-Stars who could be free agents next year.

Wade said earlier this week he hasn't spent much time thinking about his contract status, but has indicated repeatedly that he has no desire to leave Miami. He's part of an All-Star group—including LeBron James, Chris Bosh, Kobe Bryant and others—who could find new homes after next season since he has the right to cancel the final year of his deal with the Heat and test free-agent waters.

But Riley's plan all along has been keeping salary space open for that critical summer to re-sign Wade, add another max-contract-worthy star to play alongside him, and retain other talent in order to lure free agents into looking at Miami. The Heat raised their win total by 28 from a year ago and took Atlanta to seven games in the first playoff round.

"It's on everybody's mind," Riley said. "We want to build the very best team we can build here. We want Dwyane to be the centerpiece. We want to bring in players around him that complement him, that he can complement, that also complement other players. There's no doubt that we feel a need to do that."

Part of that plan, Riley said, also includes Miami's young core—starting point guard Mario Chalmers, 3-point shootout champion Daequan Cook, and perhaps most importantly Michael Beasley, last year's No. 2 overall pick who played largely as a reserve this season and still emerged into Miami's second-leading scorer behind Wade.

Beasley is naturally a power forward, but the Heat will experiment this summer into putting him at the small forward position.

"He can play that spot," Riley said. "There's no doubt."

Riley said a big key for the Heat this offseason will be continuing the development of those three players, a task that will take place on the team's practice court and not in any summer league competition. Miami will not have an entry in Orlando summer league.

"Beas and Mario and Daequan are a big part of our future," Riley said. "It's taken one year of losing to be able to garner two really good players and both of them are starting caliber players. And I would probably have envisioned Beasley starting all year long, but it wasn't going to happen in the beginning."

Part of that reasoning, Riley said, was because Beasley didn't have a full summer to study the Heat system last year. Riley said that will change this year, with everything from on-court work to even time on the track—running hurdles and throwing shot puts, he quipped—awaiting the former Kansas State star.

"I'm a believer in Michael," Riley said.

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported Wednesday that Beasley and Chalmers—both of whom were fined and banished from the NBA's rookie symposium last summer for breaking league rules—drew several small fines during this season for violating Heat policies.

Riley did not discuss those in detail, but said most of the problems were cleared up very early in the season.

"After that, they realized how much they valued their money," Riley said.

Other highlights of Riley's nearly hourlong interview session included:

■ He will consider making moves to acquire a first-round draft pick. Miami currently does not have a pick in the first round of next month's NBA draft.

■ The Heat may go into next season with 13 players under contract, if that's what it takes to stay under the luxury-tax threshold.

■ Even though longtime starting forward Udonis Haslem is entering the final year of his contract, Riley did not sound overly interested in trading the Miami native who's extremely popular among Heat fans. "You don't want to move Udonis," Riley said

Dodgers set record with 13-0 start at home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers broke the modern major league record for home winning streak to start a season with their 13th straight victory, 10-3 over the Washington Nationals on Wednesday night.

Rafael Furcal scored the go-ahead run in the fifth inning on a bases-loaded walk to Andre Ethier, and the Dodgers broke it open with seven in the sixth, including a two-run double by Manny Ramirez and a two-run single by James Loney to surpass the 12-0 record of the 1911 Detroit Tigers.

The Dodgers' seventh straight victory made them a major league-best 21-8 overall, matching their best start since the 1977 club started out 23-6 and won an NL pennant in Tommy Lasorda's first season as manager. The 1983 Dodgers also were 21-8.

Washington's Ryan Zimmerman extended his franchise-record hitting streak to 24 games with a single in the first inning.

Dodgers starter Clayton Kershaw (1-2) allowed a run and four hits over five innings.

Daniel Cabrera (0-3) gave up five runs—four earned—and six hits in 5 1-3

Mets 1, Phillies 0

At New York, Johan Santana extended his dominant start to the season, striking out 10 in seven innings of two-hit ball, and New York scratched out on Pedro Feliz's throwing error.

The Phillies wasted an excellent performance from previously struggling starter Chan Ho Park, who allowed one hit in six shutout innings.

Santana (4-1) lowered his ERA to 0.91 and won 1-0 for the second time in six starts this year.

Braves 8, Marlins 6

At Miami, Garret Anderson's first three RBIs this season helped the Atlanta Braves end a four-game losing streak.

Chipper Jones and Omar Infante drove in two runs apiece, and Derek Lowe (4-1) won his third start in a row despite giving up six runs in five innings.

Florida's Jorge Cantu tied a career high with five RBIs.

Four Atlanta relievers combined for four shutout innings, with Mike Gonzalez getting his fourth save.

Cardinals 4, Pirates 2

At St. Louis, Albert Pujols homered for the fourth time in five games and Chris Duncan's(notes) two-run triple in the fourth inning was the go-ahead hit as the Cardinals snapped a three-game losing streak.

Pujols went 4 for 4 and is batting .611 (11 for 18) with two homers and three RBIs against the Pirates in five games this season.

Pirates starter Zach Duke(notes) (3-3) gave up four runs in 5 1-3 innings. Pittsburgh his shortest outing of the season. Pittsburgh has lost eight of nine.

Cubs 6, Astros 3

At Houston, Rich Harden pitched into the eighth inning and Reed Johnson hit a bases-loaded triple for Chicago.

Aramis Ramirez added a solo home run for the Cubs, who have won five of six.

Harden (3-1) allowed his first run with two outs in the fourth before retiring the next 10 batters.

Harden didn't give up another hit until Michael Bourn singled in the eighth, and Lance Berkman followed with a home run. Kevin Gregg pitched a perfect ninth for his fifth save.

Rockies 11, Giants 1

At Denver, Ubaldo Jimenez pitched seven strong innings to get his first win in a month for Colorado.

Todd Helton homered and had three hits, Matt Murton hit his first home run of the year and Yorvit Torrealba homered and drove in two runs for the Rockies.

Jimenez (2-4), who also had two hits, had not won since beating Arizona on April 7. He allowed five hits while striking out six.

Randy Johnson (2-3), in search of his 298th career win, was roughed up for seven runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Brewers 15, Reds 3

At Cincinnati, Ryan Braun hit his second career grand slam off Bronson Arroyo, who couldn't make it through the second inning.

J.J. Hardy also had a three-run homer off Arroyo (4-2), who failed to retire a batter in the second inning and left with a 9-0 deficit. It matched the shortest start of the right-hander's career.

Milwaukee's Manny Parra (1-4) end a four-game losing streak with six innings of two-run ball.

Diamondbacks 3, Padres 1

At San Diego, Justin Upton hit two home runs, including a two-run shot off Jake Peavy, to lead Arizona.

It was the first career multihomer game for Upton, who has six homers and 14 RBIs in his last 13.

With John Garland (3-1) and two relievers combining on a five-hitter, the Diamondbacks snapped a three-game losing streak. San Diego lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Peavy (2-4) lost his third straight decision despite striking out 12.

Indians 9, Red Sox 2

At Boston, Carl Pavano pitched his third strong game in three weeks, Victor Martinez homered and drove in four runs and the Cleveland Indians ended the Boston Red Sox nine-game home winning streak with a victory.

The right-hander allowed two runs in six innings and lowered his ERA in his last four games to 3.75. It was 16.71 after his other two starts.

Pavano (2-3) allowed both runs in the second. Cleveland made it 2-1 on Asdrubal Cabrera's(notes) RBI single in the third before scoring three in the fifth on Martinez's two-run double and Shin-Soo Choo's(notes) RBI single.

Blue Jays 13, Angels 1

At Anaheim, Calif., Roy Halladay became baseball's second six-game winner.

Halladay (6-1) joined Kansas City's Zack Greinke atop the victory list, dominating the Angels over eight innings. The right-hander allowed one run on six hits with two walks and six strikeouts.

Aaron Hill, Vernon Wells and Lyle Overbay each homered to back the veteran.

The Blue Jays became the first American League team to reach 20 victories and increased their lead in the AL East to two games over Boston.

Royals 9, Mariners 1

At Kansas City, Mo., Mark Teahen had three hits and drove in three runs, and Sidney Ponson made a strong case to stay in the rotation with 7 1-3 solid innings to lead the Royals.

The Royals won their fifth straight, turning the matchup between surprising division leaders into a rout early. They battered Carlos Silva (1-3) and got 17 hits.

Mike Jacobs, who had three RBIs, and Billy Butler each had three hits as Kansas City won for the seventh time in eight games. Ponson (1-4) allowed one run on eight hits.

Rays 4, Yankees 3

At New York, Carlos Pena homered leading off the 10th inning, and Tampa Bay survived a sudden downpour and Mark Teixeira's tying, three-run double in the eighth.

Pena was hitless in his first three at-bats before driving a 1-0 pitch from Phil Coke (1-2) just over the right-field wall for his major league-leading 12th home run.

The Yankees have lost four straight.

Orioles 4, Twins 1, 6 innings

At Baltimore, Nick Markakis and Luke Scott homered, and Baltimore beat Minnesota in a rain-shortened game that included four delays totaling 3 hours, 46 minutes.

The teams played a total of 1 hour, 27 minutes before the final stoppage occurred with one out in the top of the sixth.

Brian Bass(notes) (1-1) allowed one run in 2 2-3 innings for Baltimore. Half of the eight outs he recorded were strikeouts.

Rangers 3, Athletics 2

At Oakland, Calif., Elvis Andrus homered, Scott Feldman pitched six strong innings and Texas won its fifth straight.

David Murphy and Chris Davis each drove in a run for the Rangers, who have won six of their last seven road games. Feldman (2-0) allowed two runs on four hits, walking two and striking out three.

CNMI Inter-club golf tourney set for May 16

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REPORTER

The who's who in seven golf associations in the Commonwealth will test each other's might next weekend with the staging of the CNMI Inter-Club Golf Tournament at Coral Ocean Point.

Jess Wabol, tournament director for Refaluwasch Golf Association and one of the organizers of the May 16 tournament, said this is the first time that they are bringing together golfers from all clubs in the CNMI.

Ben Duenas, seen here eyeing his target in one of the local tournaments early this year, and the rest of CNMI par busters are invited to participate in next weekend's inter-club tournament at Coral Ocean Point.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

"We are encouraging members of Fil-Taga, Saipan Golf Association, Korean Golf Association, Exclusive, Amigos, and Wait A Minute to come and join the tournament next weekend. We are very excited to have this event, as we are expecting a very competitive tournament," Wabol said.

The one-day event at the Agingan Point course has a $30 entrance fee, exclusive of greens fee and it will have a double-peoria format.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the Top 5 finishers, while there will be gift items for closest to the pin winners on holes No. 7, 12, 14. A cash prize awaits the winner of closest to the pin shot on hole No. 3.

Participants are allowed to use mulligans, but they can only buy two. Mulligans cost $5 each.

Meanwhile, Wabol is calling on RGA members to join this Saturday's 7th Annual Mount Carmel School Golf Tournament on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Wabol said scores of RGA members in the MCS event will be used for the RGA May Ace qualifier.

He added RGA members who will be playing in the MCS golf tournament will only pay an extra $20 (for RGA May qualifier fee), instead of the usual qualifier fee of $30.

For more information about the Inter-club and RGA tournaments, contact Wabol at 288-1129 and for SGA members, contact Mariano Fajardo at 483-2594.

CWGA May tourney tomorrow

The CNMI Women's Golf Association's May Ace of the Month Tournament will be held tomorrow, May 9, at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course.

According to the club's secretary Lorraine Babauta, show time is set at 12pm and tee time is scheduled an hour later at 1pm.

Established in March 2007, CWGA is a nonprofit organization founded to promote, encourage, and introduce women to the sport of golf in the CNMI.

The organization intends to accomplish the following: 1. Promote civic and community interest in golf; 2. Establish and encourage competition and good sportsmanship; 3. Promote and provide social functions of the members and their families; 4. Promote youth golf activities; and 5. To do any or all things necessary and proper to accomplish its purpose and intention.

CWGA also commits its members to abide by a set of values that will further enrich a golfer's performance, attitude, and conduct—adopted from the USA Junior Golf Association.

The set of values members of CWGA are committed to faithfully are as follows: perseverance; sportsmanship; respect; honesty; judgment; responsibility; reliance; courtesy; and sincerity. ***(PR)***

More than 60 expected at Mt. Carmel Golf

The 7th Annual Mount Carmel School Golf Tournament will tee off tomorrow, May 9, and organizers are expecting more than 60 will participate in the competition to help support the only Catholic school on Saipan.

Coordinator Louise Concepcion said they always guarantee 60 slots for the annual event, but every year they always exceed that number.

The 7th Annual Mount Carmel School Golf Tournament will be played at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course with registration set at 6:30am and tee time an hour later at 7:30am.

Trophies and other gift prizes will be given to the Top 3 winners in the Championships, A Flight, B Flight, C Flight, Seniors Flight, and Ladies Flight.

An awards banquet will be held immediately following the tournament at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort grounds.

Although the tournament has no entry fee, participants are requested to donate $100. The donation will cover green and cart fees, as well as prizes and the awards banquet.

For more information, call Concepcion at 235-1285 or Margaret Dela Cruz at 235-1251. ***(PR)***

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CNMI fighter.

The victory improved Camacho's win-loss record to 4-2, while the loss was Jones' eighth in 15 fights.

"Jones is a very skilled submission specialist, who is a brown belt in Brazilian Jiujitsu [ranking right below black belt in BJJ]," said Camacho, who trains and is locally affiliated with the Trench Tech Gym.

But Jones' submission techniques did not work against Camacho, as the latter used his quickness and power to deck the former.

With only a few seconds gone by in the first round, Camacho connected on right kick to Jones' body, flooring the Renzo Gracie Ground Control Academy fighter. Once on the ground, Camacho bombarded Jones with body punches. At the three-minute mark, Camacho went up and slammed Jones to the floor.

Camacho continued to hit Jones with body punches before the former let go of his foe in the last 1:48 of the first round. After a breather, Camacho was at it again, decking Jones and connecting on a flurry of punches, anew.

In the second round, Jones tried to be aggressive, going after Camacho. But the Team Lloyd Irvin fighter wisely moved out of the corner and engaged Jones in exchanges of punches. With two fighters up on their feet, Camacho found an opening and connected on a quick right on Jones' chin.

Jones' cornermen went after the downed fighter, who took a few minutes to realize what had hit him, while Camacho celebrated to the roar of the crowd at George Mason University Patriot Center in Fairfax, Virginia.

Camacho, in an email to *Saipan Tribune*, thanked his family and friends on Saipan for supporting his off-island fights.

"I would like to thank my friends and family for all the love and support. Cuki, Jason, Randy, Kato, Coach Joe, and the whole Trench Tech *familia* for believing in me and paving the road for me to take that next step, and most importantly to the people of the Saipan and the Marianas for all the support. We are such a small island, but the world will know where the Marianas is. *Biba Marianas*!" Camacho said.

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it's an athlete's work ethic that ultimately decides whether they will be successful or not. I'm hoping that once Rezne is put into a situation where training times, facilities, competition and coaching are readily available, he will be able to improve at a rapid rate," he said.

The Rainbow Warriors head coach said making the varsity squad is all up to the 5'11" Marianas High School senior. Wells said while Wong will train with the UH-Manoa swimming team, he will not have a scholarship in his freshman year.

"I have talked with Rezne about possibly redshirting his freshmen year, but the opportunity to make the team as a freshmen is great considering we have a small class this year. I have given him a chance and hopefully he will make the most of it," he said.

NMASA Hall of Famer and Saipan Swim Club co-founder Bill Sakovich recommended Wong to Wells and he too believes his former ward has the potential to compete in Division I.

"Rezne used to be skinny and short little kid and he was pretty good for his age group. But he has really shot up and really blossomed. He's got the potential. Nothing against his current coaches, but I think he has the potential swimming in a more competitive environment," he said.

Sakovich said he compares the 2008 NMASA Athlete of the Year a lot to his own son, Jonathan Sakovich, who was an Olympian in the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

"My son was good down here but he wasn't great. That's the case with Rezne right now. I've talked with the UH-Manoa coach several times. He could've gotten a smaller scholarship from a couple of other schools. But financially wise but it was cheaper to go to Hawaii. Because of his persistence, the coach said, 'OK, look I will give you the opportunity.' He's never done it before. He never had a walk-on. But because of Rezne's persistence Victor gave him the chance," he said.

Wong plans to enroll at the marine biology program of UH-Manoa. The Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan stalwart also intends to minor in Athletic Training and Digital Arts.

Wong was a five-time Male Athlete of the Month winner last year—tops among contenders for the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association annual honor—en route to winning the 2008 NMASA Athlete of the Year plum.

"I personally think that Rezne if thrown in that kind of environment he's just going to improve more and he will be able to earn that scholarship…if not he will be able to earn a spot on the team," added Sakovich.

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with leaks in the roof, poor ventilation, and the occasional flood during heavy downpour.

"The thing that's causing the most concern is the renovation of the Ada Gym. As you know we've got 14 visiting teams, plus the two teams from the Northern Marianas, so all in all 16 teams. We need to use two venues and this will be the first time that teams from New Zealand, Australia, Fiji and Tahiti have been to Saipan. We'd like to make sure they will have a very good impression," said Smith in an interview with the *Saipan Tribune*.

He said on top of the to-do list at the Ada Gym are functioning shower rooms and toilets, air-conditioning, lights, and repairs on the rubberized floor.

Smith said FIBA Oceania has also donated two new backboards and a couple of new shot clocks that will be used for the tournament.

"Mike's (BANMI secretary general Michael White) has been asking me for years and years and years to bring an international basketball event to Saipan and we've finally done it now and we want to make sure that it's a successful event that makes a good impression of Saipan. So the players will go home and tell their friends about it and they may want to come back," he said.

Aside from the Ada Gym, tournament organizers will also utilize the more modern Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Smith also pointed out that improvements on the Ada Gym will not only be for the players seeing action in the 2009 Oceania Basketball Tournament, but in the long run will benefit the local sports community.

"Not only players coming here will benefit on what we're going to do at Ada Gym but everyone who loves basketball or anyone who loves sports here. The work we're asking the government to do at the Ada Gym is going to be a long lasting benefit to the people of Saipan, long after these basketball players have left. The basketball players will be here for one week, the people who play basketball, play volleyball, badminton, weightlifting, all the other things that's being done at the Ada Gym, they will all benefit from renovated change rooms, improved lighting, and some new ventilation in the gym," he said.

Smith said FIBA Oceania is not only looking after elite basketball players but also the welfare of people in the Pacific, where diabetes, heart disease, and obesity have long been serious health issues.

"We want to make sports an attractive thing for people to do, make it part of their lifestyle. If they come to a facility which is not really attractive, it's not a good way for them to take part in it. We're hoping this work will give the gym a fresh new look and seeing these exciting athletes playing will get them jumping in their seats and want to take part in sports after the tournament is over," he said.

The 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament will run from June 20 to 28 and feature the men's and women's teams of Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Palau, Guam, Fiji, Tahiti, and host CNMI.

It will be the biggest ever regional basketball competition that the CNMI will be hosting. The last time the CNMI hosted a regional basketball tournament was in 2006 during the Micronesian Games.

The tournament will have two draws for the men's and women's competition. In the men's draw, the CNMI was placed in Pool B, along with Australia, Guam, and New Caledonia. Pool A will consist of Fiji, Tahiti, Palau, and New Zealand.

In the women's draw, the CNMI was placed in Pool A, along with Fiji, Guam, and New Zealand. Pool B will consist of Tahiti, New Caledonia, Palau, and Australia.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	20	10	.667	-
Boston	17	11	.607	2
New York	13	14	.481	5 1/2
Tampa Bay	13	16	.448	6 1/2
Baltimore	11	17	.393	8

Central Division

Kansas City	17	11	.607	-
Detroit	14	12	.538	2
Chicago	12	13	.480	3 1/2
Minnesota	13	15	.464	4
Cleveland	11	17	.393	6

West Division

Texas	15	12	.556	-
Seattle	14	13	.519	1
Los Angeles	12	14	.462	2 1/2
Oakland	9	16	.360	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	14	11	.560	-
Florida	15	13	.536	1/2
New York	13	13	.500	1 1/2
Atlanta	12	15	.444	3
Washington	7	18	.280	7

Central Division

St. Louis	18	10	.643	-
Milwaukee	16	12	.571	2
Chicago	15	12	.556	2 1/2
Cincinnati	14	13	.519	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	12	15	.444	5 1/2
Houston	11	16	.407	6 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	21	8	.724	-
San Francisco	13	13	.500	6 1/2
Arizona	12	16	.429	8 1/2
San Diego	12	16	.429	8 1/2
Colorado	11	15	.423	8 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Atlanta 8, Florida 6
N.Y. Mets 1, Philadelphia 0
Milwaukee 15, Cincinnati 3
Chicago Cubs 6, Houston 3
St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 2
Colorado 11, San Francisco 1
Arizona 3, San Diego 1
L.A. Dodgers 10, Washington 3
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 10 innings
Baltimore 4, Minnesota 1, 5 innings
Cleveland 9, Boston 2
Kansas City 9, Seattle 1
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, ppd., Rain
Texas 3, Oakland 2
Toronto 13, L.A. Angels 1

By The Associated Press

Jeon, Lebria named MVPs in private school caging

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Mt. Carmel School's Nicole Lebria and Grace Christian Academy's Dae Won Jeon took the highest individual award in the 2009 Coalition of Private Schools on Saipan Basketball League, as they were named most valuable players in a brief awards ceremony Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

From left, MVP Dae Won Jeon, All-Conference Selection members Rodney Salas, Kevin De Leon, Arnold Lee, and William Salazar pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony for the private school caging Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Lebria, along with fellow CNMI Women's Nationals teammate Noelle Calvo, led the Lady Knights to an impressive 8-1 record en route to taking this season's pennant.

In the playoffs, Lebria was still at the forefront of MCS' offense and scored 10 points in the Lady Knights' scary 36-32 title win over Saipan International School.

MCS' victory ended SIS' three-year reign in the varsity division of the league.

Besides Lebria, four other cagebelles were recognized for their impressive games throughout the season. Making it to the All-Conference Selection were Calvo, SIS' Annie Camacho, GCA's Hannah Cabrera, and Marianas Baptist Academy's Jennifer Sakamoto.

Jeon failed to lift the GCA Eagles to a title win over SIS, but as a consolation of sort, hoisted the top individual award in the league.

Jeon made only 10 points in the Eagles 31-41 title loss to the Geckos, but was a force to reckon with in the regular season, leading his team to a 7-1 slate. GCA took this season's pennant.

Other individual awardees in the boys division were All-Conference Selection members Richard Park of MBA, William Salazar of Calvary Christian Academy, Arnold Lee of SIS, Kevin De Leon of GCA, and Rodney Salas of MBA.

Medals were awarded to individual awardees, while trophies were given to the Top 3 teams.

SIS coach Rick Linkenhelt joined SIS male players in receiving their championship trophy during the awards ceremony. The champion team is composed of Yi Shang Wang, Miguel Brostrom, Arnold Lee, Cooper Graf, Josh Borja, Hunter Thorpe, Sun Jae Cho, Chris Barry, David Xian, Henry Lee, and Lucas Knecht.

Rommel Calcena called the shots for the MCS Lady Knights, which had Nicole and Kaylani Lebria, Calvo, Amanda Tudela, Michelle Burger, Jam Salas, Rayanne Camacho, Mai Nakajima, Aila Olarte, Ciara Dela Cruz, Francine Tenorio, Savana Manglona, Pauline Cielo, and Justalyn Camacho in their roster.

Espiritu tops Top Pool Bar 8-ball

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Roger "The Ghost" Espiritu returned to pool prominence after winning the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament last Saturday at the Garapan sports bar and watering hole.

The win didn't come easy though as he had to come back from the loser's bracket and beat No. 1 seed and undefeated Chester Hamoy twice in the finals to take home the championship and $60 purse that went along with it.

In Game 1, Espiritu pocketed two high balls after the break. He then opted to finish off the low balls first and eventually pocketed six of his seven balls.

He, however, missed on his last ball before the 8-ball, giving Hamoy a chance. The winner's bracket topnotcher, however, didn't capitalize on Espiritu's mistake as he misplaced a safety shot.

Espiritu made good on his return to felt table, shooting a long tough shot on his last ball before pocketing the 8-ball on a routine shot to force a do-or-die Game 2 against the same guy who beat him in third round of the tournament.

The cue artist known as "The Ghost"—because of his surname and his habit of spooking out opponents—then made short work of Hamoy in Game 2.

He cleaned out the table after a great break, never even giving his opponent a chance to dust off his cue stick, as Hamoy settled for the $20 consolation prize.

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Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament winner Roger Espiritu, second from left, poses with, from left, R.J. Mascarinas, Luis Fajardo, runner-up Chester Hamoy, and third place Don Antonio after the weekly tournament Saturday.

Espiritu and Hamoy got off to fast starts Saturday with wins over R.J. Mascarinas and Luis Fajardo, respectively, in the first round.

The trend continued in the second round as Espiritu got the better of Don Antonio and Hamoy defeated Rolly Villanueva.

Hamoy, however, got lucky in his encounter with Espiritu in the third round, as the latter failed to pocket any balls on the break allowing the former to run the table.

The win assured Hamoy a place in the finals and the all-important twice-to-beat advantage.

Espiritu, meanwhile, dropped to the loser's bracket and took on Mark Butac for a place in the finals opposite Hamoy.

After a scare, which saw Butac come within two makes of the 8-ball, Espiritu upended the up-and-comer by sinking the 8-ball on an open line.

Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament is held every Saturday and adopts a double-elimination format with a maximum of 16 players.

The entrance fee is $10 and the tournament uses the rules of the Billiards Congress of America. Practice is free between 7pm to 8pm on game day.

For more information on the Top Pool Bar 8-Ball Billiards Tournament, call Top Pool Bar manager Zheng Jian Qing at 287-7676 or check out the competition's website at www.saipanero.com/bars/toppoolbar.

May King and Queen of the Lanes set

The Saipan Bowling Association and Budweiser will host the May King and Queen of the Lanes Tenpin Bowling Tournament this Sunday and Monday, May 10 and 11, at the Capital Bowling Center in Garapan.

Sunday's roll-off begins at 4pm, while Monday's competition starts at 6pm. Registration starts 30 minutes prior to game time. Awarding ceremony immediately follow at the end of competition on Monday.

The competition is exclusive for SBA members with participants limited to the first 60 entries for each day.

Members have the option to bowl on Sunday or Monday, or on both days, provided that the $15 entry fee is paid. Bowlers who did not bowl on Sunday will be given priority for the Monday shift. Only the higher score will count for the tournament. All participants have to pay the $15 SBA annual membership fee.

The champion is guaranteed $100 in prize money but it could go up to as much $150 depending on the number of participants. Women participants will only have separate prizes if there are at least 10 entries.

Youth bowlers (12 to 18 years old), meanwhile, will duke it out in the Fiji Water Prince and Princess of the Lanes Tenpin Bowling Tournament in Day 1 of the monthly competition. Entry fee is $10 for the Fiji Water Prince and Princess of the Lanes.

Youth bowlers must also pay the annual SBA youth membership fee of $10 if they wish to qualify for the annual roll off.

For early registration and payment, or contact Gigi or Ross Zapanta at 288-5627 or email zapanta@pticom.com. ***(PR)***

12 teams vie for 4-person beach volleyball title

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Action in the Miller Lite/Monster 4-Person Beach Volleyball League 2009 had already started Tuesday night at the Pacific Islands Club sand court with 12 teams vying for this year's championship.

On the list are MHS Bobais, MHS One Heart, GCA, Angry Red Dragon, Hits for Brains, Hoof Hearted, Numa Numa, Plum Smugglers, South Beach, Spankers, UMESSUPUOUT, and We're Here.

MHS Bobais is composed of Jeff Bacani, Ann Joyce Agulto, Mildred Kintol, Samantha Calvo, Charnessa Lizama, Christian De Vero, Ken Yoshimoto, and Yihao Liang.

Included on MHS One Heart lineup are John Nekaifes, Joemil Lisua, Frandolee Tito, Willie Aguilar, Ham Hambrose, Heartim Williams, Azumi Ishida, and Delena Aldan.

GCA is represented by its students, namely Brandon Chargualaf, Kelea Peters, Philnea Atalig, Kimberly Hofschneider, Keith Sablan, and James Sakamoto.

Veteran Dale Roberts leads Angry Red Dragon and joining him on the team are Adam Hardwicke, Linda Anastacio, Ed Cho, Matt Holley, and Rachael Rounds.

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Nick Gross of Plum Smugglers returns to UMESSUPUOUT during their game in the Miller Lite/Monster 4-Person Beach Volleyball League 2009 Tuesday night at the PIC sand court.

Youth player Luther Taylor play for Hits For Brain and will team up with Rob Jordan, Larry Sharry, Lindsey Sosovec, Felicia McFarland, and Andreas Buitrago.

Saipan International School's Mili Saiki and Rob Epley are with Hoof Hearted and are joined by Bruce Berline, Nathan Chargualaf, Peter Matagolai and Louise Oakley.

Rocball standouts Typhoon Saito and Yumi Sharry are leading Numa Numa. Also on the team are Theresa Miller, Mika Okubo, and Lindsay Galion.

Plum Smugglers are anchored by power hitters Nick Gross, Bill Owens, and Greg Elliot. They are joining forces with Nicole LeBlanc, Natalie Hill, and Jake Igitol.

Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association president Laurie Peterka is with South Beach, which also has Donn Dunlop, Scotty Silba, Tony Ichiuo, Kim Peterson, and Michael Dreary on its lineup.

PIC Clubmates Marino Pungilug, Butch Kaipat and Tiger Lee are leading Spankers. Also on the team are Jazz Roscow, Lynette Babauta, and Lauren Scharnberg.

UMESSUPUOUT so far has listed only five members in Dan Westphal, Scott Eck, Melody Mattson, Tamino Nartin, and Kristina Springer.

We're Here is composed of newcomers Jay Kay, Brand Robinson, Jesus Tenorio, Jen Brown, and Jenn Backhaus.

The league will have a round-robin format in the regular season with the top eight teams advancing to the playoffs, which will be a single-elimination affair.

In the opening games Tuesday night, four teams broke into the win column.

Hits for Brains swept Red Angry Dragon, 21-9, 21-16, 19-17, while South Beach won via forfeit over Spankers. Numa Numa prevailed in two of its three-set game over Hoof Hearted, 21-14, 21-16, 10-15, while UMESSUPUOUT had similar 2-1 triumph against Plum Smugglers, 21-19, 3-21, 15-10.

Kobe puts up 40 as Lakers beat Rockets

Another rough-and-tumble game between the Los Angeles Lakers and Houston Rockets turned bloody. This time, though, the Lakers defended their home court. 36

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'The Crank' KOs foe in UWC debut

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The CNMI's pride Frank "The Crank" Camacho debuted at the Ultimate Warrior Challenge-Extreme Cage Fighting with a knockout win against Binky "The Baltimore Submission Machine" Jones in their middleweight bout in the UWC 6 Capital Punishment late last month.

Camacho, who had his first professional MMA fight in a year and a half, was in control of the bout in the first round and hit Jones with a big right to the chin in the second round. Jones dropped to the canvas and Camacho went after him. But before Camacho could punish Jones even further, the referee stepped in, awarding a KO win to the

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TRENCH TECH

UH-Manoa coach: Rezne has potential

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University of Hawaii-Manoa swimming head coach Victor Wales said he allowed Rezne Wong to redshirt this year because he believes the CNMI tanker has potential and has a chance to eventually make the team.

"I really appreciate the effort Rezne has made to become a better swimmer. Many times

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DAN KIMBALL
Rezne Wong, seen here in a file photo, will redshirt at the University of Hawaii-Manoa after graduating from Marianas High School this June.

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Frank Camacho celebrates his knockout win over Binky Jones in their middleweight bout in UWC 6 Capital Punishment at the George Mason University Patriot Center in Fairfax, Virginia last month.

FIBA Oceania: Top concern is Ada Gym

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FIBA Oceania secretary general Steve Smith was recently in the CNMI to check on the progress made in the preparations for the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament.

Smith

Smith planed in Tuesday morning and left Wednesday afternoon during a hectic two-day visit that saw him meet with officials of the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Division of Sports and Recreation, and even Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

He said while FIBA Oceania is looking forward to Saipan's hosting of the regional competition, he is a bit concerned with the state of one of the two venues for the tournament—the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Built in 1990 in time for the revival of the Micronesian Games, the Oleai Sports Complex facility has seen better days and during the past years has been plagued

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Fair or foul?

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, this case is handed to you to determine truth and justice in a Senior League baseball game.

Is forfeiting a game due to one player missing pants stripe a fair call or a hard foul?

Here are the facts: First round playoff game, Jets leading the Lion Kings in the third inning, Lions Kings manager protested that one Jets player was wearing pants without trim unlike rest of team, umpire stopped game, Lions Kings awarded win by forfeit by application of ground rule on uniform requirements.

Prosecution opening argument: Little League rules state "all players on a team shall wear numbered uniforms identical in color, trim, and style." Local ground rules identify uniforms as caps, shirts, and pants and the penalty for a violation is forfeit. The Board of Directors has no choice except to follow the rules.

Defense opening argument: The foremost purpose of Little League Baseball is not to win a game, it's to play the game. Stopping a game in the third inning for a minor uniform infraction defeats the purpose of the game and takes it away from the kids. There have been numerous uniform infractions throughout the season that were not called. Waiting to apply the rule only against the Jets in the playoffs was unfair.

I am proud to say that in all my years as officer in the Saipan Major League, we never had a forfeit for uniform infraction. Of course, we have a rule but we do not nitpick. As far as I am concerned, as long as the colors are the same, that's close enough. And in seven years as a Little League manager, I never once complained about another team's uniform. In this case, I would not have protested in the first place. But that's not the point.

To illustrate how insignificant the uniform *faux pas* was, nobody mentioned it until the third inning when the Jets were leading by 10 and pitching a no-hitter. But that's not the point either.

We are a small, poor island where it's difficult to order uniforms and find sponsors. We should worry more about getting players on the field than complaining about small differences in uniforms. But that's not the point.

Here is an appropriate analogy. The speed limit on Beach Road is 35 mph. If everybody drives 45 mph all year long and then the police decide to pull you over and give you a ticket for going 45 mph, then that's selective enforcement. Why only you? That's unfair.

OFF THE BENCH

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Jurors, that's what we have in this case. If the rule had been strictly enforced all year, then I would agree with the protest. However, the rule was not strictly enforced based on my personal observation. Therefore, waiting to use it to knock out the first place team, something the other team could not do on the field, is in my opinion not good sportsmanship. Let the players decide the winner, I say. The game is supposed to be for the kids.

If this was a real jury and I had a vote, this case would end in a hung jury and mistrial.